



# Community Transportation Input Committee Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2023, 2:00 P.M.

Via Zoom Conference Call & In person at  
3750 E Rosser Avenue, Bismarck

Attending:	Glenn Lauinger	Helen Baumgartner
	Susan Dingle	Andrew Stromme
Staff:	Deidre Hughes	Mike Mundahl
	Craig Thomas	Danae Thiery

**Meeting was called to order at 2:01 P.M.**

**February Ridership Update:** Deidre provided an update on ridership numbers from February.

**City Commission Update:** Deidre told the committee that Bismarck City Commissioner Splonskowski resigned. Commissioner Splonskowski was the portfolio holder for Bis-Man Transit, so until the portfolio is re-distributed or there is an election, there is no liaison with the City of Bismarck.

**Transit Development Plan Upcoming Public Meetings:** Deidre said the second round of public meetings are coming up. The meetings will be held Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm at the Morton Mandan Public Library and from 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. The meetings will focus on organizational structure and financial items.



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**April Blood Drive:** Deidre said the blood drive scheduled for last December was suspended due to weather and has been rescheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup>. The blood drive will be held in the parking lot of Bis-Man Transit, in Vitalant's blood donation bus.

**Other Spring Projects:** Deidre talked about projects coming up:

- A new Gillig fixed route bus will begin production in 9 days. The bus it is replacing was totaled last year. The fixed-route buses are usually delivered in about a month, and it will take another month to get everything installed. It should hopefully roll out by late summer.
- The operations contract RFP is currently open. The pre-proposal meeting was held and went well. Submitted questions will be posted on the website once everything is compiled.
- The AARP grant application was submitted. If awarded, the grant would replace existing bus route signs throughout Bismarck and Mandan and remove old signs no longer on route. If we do not receive the grant, Deidre will be looking for alternative funding for the project.
- Deidre explained the homeless coalition voucher program, which is used to provide CAT passes to homeless individuals in the community.
- Bis-Man Transit is looking to purchase two new vans for paratransit. Two buses were on order in 2021; however, those orders were canceled due to supply chain issues. One was to be funded through a state 5339 grant, and one was to be funded through the Otto Bremer grant. The vans are 8-passenger vehicles, with two wheelchair hookups in each vehicle, and would hopefully be delivered and ready to use later this year.
- The Bismarck Mandan Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities has a program in which five individuals are selected for a \$1000 scholarship for higher education. Deidre said if committee members know an individual that would be interested or qualified, to let them know. The deadline is April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Other Business:** None

**Meeting adjourned at 2:17 P.M.**



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