



# Community Transportation Input Committee Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2023, 2:00 P.M.

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

Attending: Glenn Lauinger Andrew Stromme  
Susan Dingle Jeannie Pedersen  
Randee Sailer

Staff: Deidre Hughes Taylor Kitzan  
Mike Mundahl

**Meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M.**

**Ridership Update:** Deidre discussed ridership statistics from May and June. Major highlights include ridership for CAT over 9,000 each month, average daily boardings for both modes at 614, and 94.81% on-time performance for paratransit, year to date.

**Transit Development Plan Public Meeting & Study Progress:** Deidre reminded the committee that the final Transit Development Plan public meetings will be held tomorrow at the Mandan Library and the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Library. Bill Troe with SRF Consulting will be on hand to discuss the organizational structure & funding situation. The study as a whole is 85% complete, and Bis-Man Transit will be tentatively looking at September 2023 for approval of the study.



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**City Commission Update:** Deidre said Bis-Man Transit has been prevalent at the Bismarck City Commission Meetings recently to request funding from the City of Bismarck general fund to help offset some of the non-ADA required service local match portions of funding for after-hours paratransit service. Bill Troe with SRF Consulting provided a presentation to city commissioners. Following the presentation, there were a number of questions from some of the commissioners. Deidre said the information has been gathered to answer those questions and will be included in the discussion at the next Bismarck City Commission meeting on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Funding Discussion:** Deidre said Bis-Man Transit has been awarded the ND Community Foundation grant in the amount of \$5,000. This will be used to replace the CAT bus route signs throughout the community. The project will be done by the end of summer. There are also several other smaller community grants that Deidre has been looking into; however they do not qualify for some of them. Once she has a better idea of what the cities of Bismarck and Mandan will offer for the non-ADA service hours, a request will be put in for some Otto Bremer funds for a 2-year operating grant. Deidre also stated that she sent letters to approximately 80 agencies last week to seek donations and support. Because some agencies are non-profit organizations and donations may be out of the question, the letter asked that they reach out to their city commissioners to express support for transit. Deidre will continue to reach out to larger organizations to schedule meetings to see if they could do anything for annual donations or agency fees.

**Other Business:** None

**Meeting adjourned at 2:09 P.M.**



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