



Community Transportation Input Committee Meeting Minutes September 24, 2024, 3:00 PM

Attending: Glenn Lauinger Andrew Stromme
Susan Dingle

Staff: Deidre Hughes Mike Mundahl

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M.

Regular Agenda

- Measure One Update:** Deidre updated on Measure One for the city of Bismarck. The sponsoring committee turned in the appropriate number of signatures reviewed by the City of Bismarck and deemed acceptable. The proposed sales tax will be on the Bismarck ballot in November. Deidre said she interviewed with Steve Bakken on his Talk of the Town radio show that will air later in the week on Supertalk 1270. They discussed transit and what Measure One would mean to the community. Deidre was also interviewed by KFYZ-TV this morning about Measure One. The reporter wasn't sure if it would air or not. Deidre also thanked Susan for her efforts in getting the measure on the ballot.
- Mandan Contribution Discussion:** Deidre said this would be covered at the Board meeting and directly relates to the measure that passed in June in Mandan. The discussion will cover how to get to the appropriate number for what level Mandan is currently getting compared to what Mandan's contribution is. Just for the expense paid to WeDriveU and for fuel, Mandan is off where it needs to be by approximately 20%. Considering indirect expenses, it is a much higher amount. Mandan accounts for 25%-26% of total paratransit drop-offs. Mandan accounts for approximately 10% of CAT ridership.
- Free Ride Day:** Deidre will be requesting approval from the Board to provide free rides on election day. Free rides have been offered on election day since about 2018. Deidre

reminded the committee that if approved, would not be for a specific location. It would be all rides to all locations.

4. **Stuff the Bus Discussion:** Deidre will be requesting approval from the Board to hold a Stuff the Bus event December 9-13 to benefit Ministry on the Margins. Deidre said if WeDriveU is able to get volunteers, they may take a bus out remotely for a few hours to collect items on-site somewhere. Donations would also be collected at the Bis-Man Transit facility and onboard the buses.
5. **CAT Ridership Update:** Deidre provided a ridership update for August 2024. CAT provided 11,576 trips, which is the highest month since approximately 2016. Statistics are harder to find before that. Ridership is significantly higher than pre-covid. Paratransit ridership was 7,598 trips. Blue route ridership is on the rise, with 1,225 trips, a 129% increase year over year. The Black route was the highest-performing route, with 2,629 trips. The Orange route was the next most popular route, with 2,443 trips provided. Glenn questioned why ridership was down at UMary and UTTC. Deidre said there were about 60 trips less at the University of Mary for the month of August and isn't sure why the number is lower. Deidre said she and Mike have had conversations with the UTTC wellness coordinator about different ideas.
6. **Community Outreach Update:** Deidre provided an update on Community Outreach efforts from August and upcoming for September. Bis-Man Transit participated in the BSC Welcome Fair and the University of Mary Community Fair. Intro to CAT and Intro to Paratransit classes were held towards the end of August and again in September. An individual from United Way attended the training and set up an onsite visit to provide CAT training at the homeless shelter, which was provided in September. The University of Mary did a Walmart run in September. CAT classroom training was held earlier in September through Global Neighbors. Bis-Man Transit will also attend the United Tribes Technical College career fair on September 25th.
7. **Other Business:** No other business.

Meeting adjourned at 3:24 P.M.



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