



Community Transportation Input Committee Meeting Minutes January 21, 2025, 2:00 PM

Attending: Glenn Lauinger Susan Dingle
Helen Baumgartner Randee Sailer
Jeannie Pedersen

Staff: Deidre Hughes Taylor Kitzan
Craig Thomas

Meeting was called to order at 2:05 P.M.

Regular Agenda

- Sales Tax Contribution Update:** Deidre discussed that she hasn't heard any more news from the City of Mandan on how to apply for the sales tax funding. DeNae Kautzmann will be following up with Jim Neubauer on how to proceed with those funds. Deidre updated the Committee that the first meeting for the City of Bismarck Sales Tax Committee is scheduled for February 25th. Deidre is a non-voting member of the committee to provide information about public transportation. Helen asked who the members of the committee are. Deidre answered the following: Dawn Kopp, Brenda Nagel, Brian Ritter, Dustin Gawrylow, Kim Riepl (non-voting), Mike Taylor, Trevor Vannet, Deidre Hughes (non-voting), Jaelyn Chathams and Lane Hoffer.
- 2024 Review:** Deidre highlighted the following:
 - 20-year CAT Anniversary – Two Free Ride weekends
 - Fourth consecutive clean audit
 - Triennial Review with only one finding (eight findings at last Triennial)
 - Insurance savings (Brightline from Starion)

- Community Outreach
 - Homeless Coalition CAT Pass Program
 - 5310 Compliance Review
 - City of Lincoln renewed contract for paratransit service
 - Advertising revenue ended at \$123,953.00 (Way to go Mike!)
 - Interest revenue ended at \$280,930.00
 - Mandan & Bismarck Measure 1 passing in election (Thank you to Susan, Helen, Jeannie, Randee, and Glenn for collecting signatures!)
 - Free Ride Days for Election Days
 - Four new paratransit vehicles and two new paratransit vans
 - Only one full service day CAT suspension
 - No more trip denials on paratransit
 - Stuff the Bus collected over 700 items for Ministry on the Margins
 - CAT ridership was 121,538 (20.89% increase from 2023)
 - Paratransit ridership was 90,207 (2.8% increase from 2023)
 - Black Route was top performing route, second was Orange Route
 - 14 at-fault accidents (improved from 19 in 2023)
 - 35 complaints (improved from 45 in 2023)
3. **Upcoming Projects:** Deidre discussed that National Transit Database reporting is due at the end of February 2025. This is where all 2024 information is submitted to FTA to see if Transit is eligible for more funding. Audit is scheduled for March 2025. Other projects include replacing boiler, exterior signage, and roof repairs.
4. **Other Business:** N/A

Meeting adjourned at 2:27 P.M.



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