



Community Transportation Input Committee Meeting Minutes January 19, 2026, 2:00 PM

Attending:	Helen Baumgartner	Glenn Lauinger
	Glenn Lauinger	Susan Dingle
	Alissa Patterson	Jeannie Pedersen
	Randee Sailer	Trevor Vannett
	Kandy Swenning	
Staff:	Deidre Hughes	Craig Thomas
	Amanda O'Brien	

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

Regular Agenda

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Deidre stated all meeting attendees.
2. **Public Comment Discussion Summary:**

Deidre provided a summary of the public comments that were received on January 13th. Deidre stated that the majority of the comments received supported operating the CAT bus for an additional 4 hours, demand response for an additional 3.5 hours on Sundays, and opening this service to the general public. Trevor stated his support for continuing to push to have the Transit Development Plan this year. Alissa questioned if the public would be able to ride paratransit. Deidre responded that it would be only on Sundays. Deidre also stated that it is her suggestion that the general public and paratransit riders remain separated to help with tracking. Jeannie questioned if the Sunday general public riders would be picked up at their home. Deidre responded that the service would be curb to curb for general public riders.



3. 2025 Highlights:

Deidre summarized the 2025 highlights for Bis-Man Transit, including participation in the Transportation Steering Committee and the State Legislature for SB 2254. Deidre discussed grant awards and capital purchases for the year. Deidre also discussed the total ridership for 2025.

4. Other Business:

Glenn discussed concerns about language barriers with some of the CAT bus drivers and riders. Craig stated that he would work with his corporate team to determine what options they have to assist drivers with strong accents in communicating. Deidre said she would work with Craig to develop a solution, but it would likely be an ongoing effort.

Alissa asked how the free ride day went. Deidre responded that there wasn't a major influx in ridership, but we did receive several media requests from the promotion.

Meeting adjourned at 2:27 P.M.



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