



## Community Transportation Input Committee Meeting Minutes March 23, 2026, 2:00 PM

Attending:	Glenn Lauinger	Jeannie Pedersen
	Kandy Swenning	Susan Dingle
	Randee Sailer	
Staff:	Deidre Hughes	Mike Mundahl
	Tammy Schutt	

Meeting was called to order at 2:03 P.M.

### Regular Agenda

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Deidre stated all meeting attendees.
2. **CAT Bus Pass Voucher Program Discussion**

Deidre stated that at the February 24th Bismarck City Commission meeting, Ministry on the Margins submitted a request to utilize a portion of the public transit sales tax funding to purchase CAT bus passes. It was the City Commission's wish that a voucher program be facilitated by Bis-Man Transit. Staff met with Mayor Schmitz on March 5th to discuss a voucher system for CAT bus passes. Mayor Schmitz feels the program should be facilitated by Bis-Man Transit, with Board approval of the agencies. These items were also discussed. 1. Agencies apply to the Bis-Man Transit Board to qualify for bus passes. The agencies are responsible for tracking who tickets are given to, trip purpose, etc. Bis-Man Transit is not responsible if an approved agency fails to track this information or provides inaccurate information. 2. Run the bus pass voucher program as a pilot program. This allows us to discontinue if we have issues with facilitating the program. 3. Bis-Man Transit Board submits a request to the Bismarck City Commission to provide \$10,000 to fund the program. 4. Limit requests to one day and one-way CAT bus passes to help with tracking. Glenn questioned the program's administration.

**4. Service Change Update**

Deidre stated that we have commercials produced with KX and press releases will be going out shortly. The new Rider Guides have been delivered, and we will start distributing them next week. We are set for a full-service roll-out on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**5. Orange Route Update**

Deidre stated we have seen significant ridership increases on the Orange Route since we started traveling past the CHI Hospital.

**CHI Hospital Boardings**

Jul-25	51
Aug-25	120
Sep-25	79
Oct-25	127
Nov-25	136
Dec-25	186
Jan-26	363
Feb-26	423

Meeting adjourned at 2:27 P.M.



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