



Community Transportation Input Committee Meeting Minutes May 26, 2026, 2:00 PM

Attending:	Helen Baumgartner	Glenn Lauinger
	Susan Dingle	Lane Hoffer
	Alissa Patterson	Jeannie Pedersen
	Randee Sailer	Trevor Vannett
Staff:	Deidre Hughes	Craig Thomas
	Mike Mundahl	

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

Regular Agenda

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Deidre stated all meeting attendees.
2. **Voucher Discussion Update**

Deidre said the Board had previously tabled the voucher discussion until it could be determined how Bis-Man Transit could help facilitate the program. Since then, Deidre and the finance committee met with Mayor Schmitz to discuss the program. Through those discussions, a plan was developed that would call for the City of Bismarck to use \$5,000 of sales tax money to purchase a bulk order of bus passes from Bis-Man Transit. The City of Bismarck will be responsible for developing an application process and telling Bis-Man Transit which agencies are approved to participate. Deidre will present the plan to the Board. If the Board supports the plan, Deidre will return to the Bismarck City Commission to move the program forward.

Trevor asked Glenn if the plan was workable. Glenn said it was, and that the City of Bismarck would use sales tax funding to purchase the tickets from Bis-Man Transit.

3. **Free Ride Day – June 9th**

Deidre said she would propose a free-ride day for election day, June 9th, 2026 at the Board meeting. If approved, rides would be free for all hours and to all locations that day.

4. **Ridership Update**

Deidre provided a ridership update for CAT. April was the first month with the new service hours. In April, 15,394 CAT trips were provided, which is an 18.37% increase over April 2025. From 7 PM – 10 PM, 1,182 trips were provided. From 6 AM – 7 AM, 492 trips were provided. There were 10 Sunday demand response trips in April, with 4 no-shows.

5. **Other Business**

Deidre said the Purple route, being the only route in Mandan, is a pain point for many people there, and ridership is not increasing on the Purple route as much as on the other routes. Deidre said that would likely be one of the things addressed through the upcoming Transit Development Plan.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 P.M.



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