



Community Transportation Input Committee Meeting Minutes June 22, 2026, 2:00 PM

Attending:	Helen Baumgartner	Julie Horntvedt
	Glenn Lauinger	Lane Hoffer
	Jeannie Pedersen	Randee Sailer
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 Bismarck City Commission met on June 9th and approved Bis-Man Transit's request to use \$5,000 in sales tax to develop a CAT bus voucher program. The Commission decided that the program's process and criteria would be established by the Community Development Advisory Committee. Deidre has been working with the Director of the Community Development department on specifics. The advisory committee will be meeting in July to work on the program. Lane asked how agencies would apply for the tickets. Deidre said the advisory committee would be developing the application, what the criteria is, how frequently they would be accepting applications, how many vouchers an agency could request, and what tracking information they would want to see. Deidre said she would be assisting as needed, but is not part of the committee. Helen asked about the starting date. Deidre said she had urged the Community Development Director that it would be ideal if the program were rolled out by late fall.

3. **Free Ride Day Ridership – June 9th**

Deidre provided an update on ridership for Free Ride Day on June 9th, 2026. 612 CAT rides were provided, and 331 paratransit rides were provided.

4. **Ridership Update**

Deidre provided a ridership update for CAT. In May, 16,545 CAT trips were provided. From 7 PM – 10 PM, 1,382 trips were provided. From 6 AM – 7 AM, 584 trips were provided. Deidre said it is the highest ridership since at least 2015. Glenn asked why Red route ridership was much less than that of other routes. Deidre said the Red route used to be a 2-hour route, and when the second route was pulled from Mandan, the Red route became a 1-hour route. She said the Red route is also less residential and more business, which could be part of the reason. Deidre said that it would be looked at as part of the Transit Development Plan.

5. **Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan**

Deidre said the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan must be updated every 5 years by Bis-Man Transit to maintain eligibility for Section 5310 grants. The last time the plan was completed was in 2021, with a start date of 2022. Surveys will be provided to riders through on-bus signage, and provider surveys will be provided to approximately 90 service providers. Through the process, three public comment meetings will be held on July 28th at the Morton Mandan Public Library from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM, at Bis-Man Transit from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM, and on July 30th at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Library from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM. The finalized plan will be presented to the Bis-Man Transit Board on August 27th.

6. **Other Business**

Deidre said the consultants for the Transit Development Plan asked if 1 or 2 CTIC members would be willing to sit on the steering committee. Lane said he would be interested.

Lane thanked Mike for doing some travel training with him & a client.

Meeting adjourned at 2:16 P.M.



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