

Meeting Minutes

Transportation Commission

Wednesday, January 16, 2002

Lincoln Center Conference Room A

4:30 P.M. Present: Elbert Rackow, Hans Walthers, Roger Eck, Joe Kanter, Larry Weiser, Jo Seiser

Also Present: Susan Lemke, Thomas Carroll

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Walthers at 4:30 P.M.

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Approval of minutes from 11/14/01 meeting.

The approval of the 11/14/01 minutes will be carried over to the next meeting.

Transportation Development Plan

The specifications for Requests for Proposals for a consultant to facilitate the Stevens Point Transit Transportation Development Plan have been approved at the state level. The focus of the TDP will be to improve the current system, by evaluating transportation needs within the community.

The Commission discussed the formation of an Advisory Committee for the TDP. Recommendations were made to include riders, commission/council members, local businesses, university/technical college students, private/public schools, Reps from Plover/Whiting, and the Dept. on Aging.

The RFP s are scheduled to go out February 1, 2002. The deadline for consultants to reply is March 4, 2002.

Manager s report

a. Ridership/revenue reports quarterly and annual

4th Quarter Report:

Ridership:

Fixed route +5.30%

Point Plus +5.90%

Total System +4.7%

Revenue

Fixed Route +1.36%

Point Plus +1.98%

2001 Year End Totals:

Revenue:

Fixed route - 3.80% (Note: The city offered Free Rides every Monday in June/ revenue was not collected for these rides. The total free rides given during the promotion was 2,029)

Point Plus +6.23%

Ridership:

Fixed route -0.22% (without transfers)

+1.05% (with transfers)

Point Plus +7.34%

Total system: +1.48%

b. RFP s for pickup truck and lift system

The RFP for the transit pickup truck has been approved by the state and will be going out soon. The RFP for the lift system is nearly complete.

Bus shelter route information displays

Chairman Walthers suggested placing city bus schedules in the bus shelters to assist riders in finding out where the city bus routes go and what time the bus arrives. The commission agreed that this was an excellent idea.

Other business

Houch Advertising has sold all the advertising space on the new Gillig buses as well as space on the old Orion buses. Since we do not have bus frames on the Orions, Houch will provide us with them free of charge. Houch has also agreed to design and manufacture a sign for the fronts of the new Gillig buses, advertising the City Website, as the frames on the Orions will cover the website advertising that is currently on them. They have agreed to do this free of charge to the city.

Next meeting date.

Next meeting, February 20, 2002 at 4:30 p.m. in Room C at the Lincoln Center

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

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