

Coos County Area Transportation District Advisory Committee

MINUTES – February 24, 2020

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – David hope called the meeting to order at 2:03pm and asked all present to introduce themselves.

Present: Genavieve Sharkey; Michael Marchant; Mike Classen; Elizabeth Stephens; Shelley Mason Long, PH.D; Diane Johnson

Absent: Gabrielle Colton; Selena Kelly Irvin; Deborah Eversole

Staff: David Hope, GM; Amy LeBaron

Guests: Dick Leshley, Chair of CCATD

Dick Leshley gave a primer on the Governing Board and the role of the Advisory Committee. He wants the Advisory Committee to know that they are the voice of the community and have a direct line to the Board of Directors.

2. **NO CHANGES TO AGENDA**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

What is the status of the Florence fixed route? David Hope says that it still being worked on and that he is hoping that they will be able to have it up and running by the end of March 2020.

4. **NO OLD BUSINESS**

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

Item A. Fixed Route/Paratransit Presentation

Definitions provided on fixed route, paratransit, and deviated fixed route

- Fixed route –People go to the bus
- Paratransit- Buses go to the people
- Deviated fixed route-Some people got to bus and buses go to some people

Current level of service presented on fixed route and paratransit with trends.

Proposed fixed route service enhancements

- Restore service in Charleston, restore mid-day service, and additional services in Coos Bay.

Problem presented to board – Current fixed routes and paratransit unsustainable with current funding.

Recommend a Solution – Switch fixed routes to deviated fixed routes and provide a reduced level of paratransit. Recommended implementation date January 2021.

Questions and Comments from board members:

1. What specifically is a deviated fixed route?
 - a. Answer: A deviated fixed route will deviate up to ¾ miles from a route to pick up a person from their home/business and will do this at least once every hour.
2. How does the General Manager propose we tell the public about the switch in service?

- a. Answer: Tell them what will work better in this solution. That we will be doing more service and more trips with this solution. Tell them about the sustainability of this model versus the current model of service.
3. Will anyone be eliminated due to the service changes?
 - a. Answer: Probably not.
4. Will third parties like Yellow Cab still pick people up in the paratransit service of this new model?
 - a. Answer: Yes
5. Could we do away with ADA services if we switch to this service model?
 - a. Answer: Technically yes but the boards would have to agree to do away with the service and the current plan is to still provide those services but to call it paratransit not ADA services.
6. In this new model how long will people have to wait for a buses?
 - a. Answer: Federal regulations state that there is a negotiable 1 hour pick up window.
7. How will this new model of service save us money?
 - a. Answer: By grouping people better on paratransit there will be more than one person riding the bus at a time. It should also increase ridership. The idea would be to have the paratransit pick people up and take them to the deviated fixed route to lower costs. Also noted in this discussion was that ridership is part of how we get funds through STIF and lower ridership could mean less funds in the future.
8. Will review of application time for paratransit shorten?
 - a. Answer: Yes it should since ADA compliance is not mandatory under this model reviewing application would be less complex and technically no application is needed however board might still want to have an application.

Item B. Software RFI

1. **RFI**-Provided to board but no time for discussion
2. **Tally Sheet**- Provided to board but no time for discussion
3. **Timeline**- Provided to board but no time for discussion

Item C. Bandon-Discussion-Switch to Deviated Fixed Route

1. **Productivity chart Nov-Dec**- Provided to board but no time for discussion

Item D. Rider Guide- Provided to board but no time for discussion

6. Meeting Schedule

Next meeting March 30th, 2020 at 2:00 pm as requested by the board

7. Adjourned, 3:20 pm