

Helena Transportation Advisory Council
Helena Area Transit Service
1415 N. MT Ave.
June 18, 2013
3:00 PM

Members present: Vivian Crabtree (Chair), Cindy Baril (Vice Chair), Steve Larson (HATS), Mathew Cramer (SAVE), Patrick Sanders (DPHHS), Les Clark (MILP), and Walter Hanley (RMDC).
Conference Phone: Judy Harris (Citizen at large).

Introductions: The meeting started with introductions.

Approval of minutes:
The minutes were accepted by majority.

Old Business:

- a. East Valley Bus Service
- b. 5 year Transit Plan Update

Steve told the group the County wants to convert the East Valley bus to a Commuter Bus. There will be two runs in the morning and two in the evening. There will be 4 stops in East Helena. The group talked further about where the bus stops will be, the hours of operation, will there be a marketing plan, and will this next day service.

Steve said Lisa Ballard of Current Transportation Solutions, is still working hard on the Transit Plan. He said the HCC had some questions about the plan and Steve will meet with them. The next Commission meeting will be August 19, 2013 for acceptance of the plan. The group talked further about the plan focusing on concerns and questions such as fare increases for Curb to Curb Service, and making credit card-debit card services available for customers. Also discussed were MOU's with Health and Human Services, monthly and unlimited monthly passes, ADA ridership forms, and having businesses purchase transportation for their employees correlating to a bus route.

Ridership update: The total ridership for May was 7,954. Breakdown – East Valley 1,488, Head Start 924, HATS Checkpoint 2,796, Curb to Curb 2,746.

New Business:

- a. Leadership Elections - Tabled from April's meeting
- b. Matthew Cramer "Elsaesser Amendment"

Steve said no new nominations have been turned in. Elections are still tabled.

Matthew Cramer explained to the group, the City Commission passed an amendment of the Complete Street Plan. He said there is a checklist that has to be followed and HATS is on that list. The list questions brought to the meeting are as follows:

Are any transit stops proposed?

If yes...

Will the stop have a designated shelter? Will the stop be serviced by HATS or other transit operations? Is the stop near a lobby or other shelter that will be generally available to employees or the public? Will the stop accommodate bikes, pedestrians, and ADA users?

The group also talked about the pros and cons, of combining the Intergovernmental Transit Committee and the HTAC meetings together.

Steve will contact Elizabeth Andrews concerning her request to be on the June's agenda and what the information was.

Next meeting: Proposed date – July 16, 2013 at 3:00 P.M. in the HATS meeting room.
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