

*City of Sandy*  
**Transit Advisory Committee**

**Sandy City Operations Center  
16610 Champion Way, Sandy, OR  
5:30-7:00 p.m. June 18, 2014**

**NOTES**

Members present: Joseph Lowe, Heather Michet, Janet Pitts, Caren Topliff, Roxy Tolva, Hollis Wenzel

Staff present: Andi Howell, Joyce LeDoux, Julie Stephens.

Neighboring Agencies staff present: Teresa Christopherson

<b>I. Introductions</b>	<b>5:30</b>
Introductions made	
<b>II. Approval of Agenda</b>	<b>5:35</b>
Agenda approved	
<b>III. Approval of Meeting Notes 3/19/2014</b>	<b>5:45</b>
Meeting notes approved as written	
<b>IV. Update New Weekend Service for SAM-Gresham</b>	<b>5:50</b>
a. ADA use	
Currently Sundays have 8-10 trips on ADA service a month.	
The Gresham Transit Center bus shelter is still incorrect (No Sunday service shown) and does not have Mt Hood Express. This needs updating.	
b. Marketing Campaign (Cinemas, Channel 7, Post, newsletter)	
SAM will begin a marketing campaign. We will offer new service free-- Sat and Sun during July. We are trying to introduce the bus to the public, awareness of the new service.	
c. On-board Survey	
We plan to conduct an on board survey on SAM and Mt Hood Express. It is required with the FLAP funded project.	
d. Local Surveys (web, City newsletter, media)	
Would like to do some local survey too using the web, newsletters, local media.	
<b>V. Neighbor Updates</b>	<b>6:05</b>
a. Mt Hood Expanded Service/Planning Grant Awarded	

Teresa would like to take a rider poll and get feedback. She will be reintroducing a shuttle run. There is a drop off in Senior and disability use because the Express is a commuter and there are no flag stops. She has funding for adding back the shuttle run.

**b. Next Steps**

Teresa would like feedback on the elimination of Saturday service of the village runs, feedback on the schedule. She has heard the riders would like more scheduled runs without the large gaps in the day.

There was a suggestion that a sign be put up in the Mt Hood Forestry parking lot that indicates that the bus stop is on 26, not in the parking lot.

A TAC member mentioned that the Community Center is often too busy to sell tickets and can be rude and not want to deal with it. Asked if we can sell at Fred Meyer and Safeway. We are in contact with Fred Meyer and will contact Safeway.

Caren asked if a bus stop could be placed at the non-marked in/out turn lane by Safeway. Bus shelters have to be in a right of way and have to adhere to ODOT's rules of safe stopping speeds, visibility, traffic safety. More than likely not a possibility to put a shelter in a pedestrian parking lot. That entry is one of the worse accident magnets in town, two way traffic onto Hwy 26. Also, pedestrians may be going to another business, not Safeway so you want your shelter in intersections and cross walks where they can get to all businesses safely.

Clackamas County awarded planning grant that will look at how best to serve Mt Hood.

Will bring in a consultant. Focus: governance, sustainability of Mt Hood Express. Who is the best operator of Mt Hood Express for long term sustainability? Create a true plan of implementation including park and rides, service extended to Hood River, Warm Springs, partnership building. There is a meeting in August. Hood River transit is involved in the conversations. They previously did transportation to Meadows backed away, consider doing it again if this one is successful. Multiple agencies providing transportation, maybe a transportation hub. Transit district or multiple transit agencies providing services.

Challenges are lack of residents, lack of tax structure. Could stay with Clackamas County, Hood River servicing other side of mountain. Maybe Warm Springs tribal transit comes into as well. Breeze bus private bus that goes from Portland to Bend. One time a day.

**VI. Update of Implementation of Fares**

**6:20**

**a. Ridership & Schedule Changes**

SAM ridership down 40% since fares introduced. Not bad ridership for a town our size, but not the ridership of the past. Transit use is less, discretionary use is less.

We have lost some of our choice riders, need to be appealing to the choice riders, the quality of service is there.

Caren states that she was given a compliment about the Transit Center, from someone who was opposed to it. The said it was well designed and they are happy to see the city can still use the area.

The transit center has grown in its use. A third of its use now is Mt Hood Express, which has grown.

**b. Proposed Interline Fare SAM/MHX**

Proposed interline fare. SAM/MHX next time we print SAM schedules, by September, introducing an interline fare, cut \$0.50 off each side of our tickets. \$2.50 rather than \$3.00. or \$5.00 pass, up and around mountain in one day on one ticket. May be a one way or two way trip. Some young people that want to go to the Mt. have to get from the high school to Transit Center or forestry center, if jump on SAM, have to pay for both. Trying to bridge that just a little bit.

**VII. Update STF/STO Grant Process**

**6:30**

**a. Successful projects**

Updates on Grant process: additional funding through legislature. Joseph sat on the committee, \$24 million was asked for senior & disabled services and other things could support. Transportation was a big ticket item, so extra \$4 million allocated for transportation. Allowed us an extra \$80k over the biennium.

**b. Vehicle selection**

It funded the low floor component of a new cutaway for STAR vehicle. More customer friendly buses, removing steps. The extra funding absorbs some of those costs.

**VIII. Elementary School Public Transportation Program**

**6:35**

Julie, Joyce, Janice and Andi went to Sandy Grade School and gave a safety presentation/welcome to public transit presentation. We talked about the rules/etiquette of public transit, how to recognize a Sandy bus, the differences between riding a school bus and a public transportation bus. The kids drew rules/etiquette which will be posted on the buses.

**IX. Title VI & Limited English Language Plans**

**6:40**

The City of Sandy is required to have an anti-discrimination plan and a plan that analyzes the need for translation services for those who do not speak English as a first language. This plan has been put together and will go before the City Council this month. Included in this plan is a survey of our TAC committee members' ethnicity as a

representation of the Sandy ridership. Please fill out this survey so we can complete the Minority Representation Chart and include it as part of the Title VI plan.

**X. Public Comment** **6:50**

Julie is sitting on C4 representing rural transit and also on the ODOT Region 1 Task Force to review the formation of an ACT(s).

**XI. Next Meeting Date** **6:55**

Normally would occur on September 17 5:30-8:30. Teresa and Julie will be in DC, will choose another date and notify TAC.

**XII. Adjourn** **7:00**

Adjourned at 7:00 pm.