



Oxford - University Transit Meeting

September 14, 2011

Members Present: Donna Gurley, Mike Black, Carole Haney, Jim Whindham and Corey Washington

Others Present: Tim Akers, Ron Biggs, Tim Lett, Frances Saralvarez, Julian Allen, Richard Brooks, Dick Burkepile, Errol Castens, Linda Christian, Sandipan Datta, Augusta Dunavin, Michi Fujimoto, Sherrie Jenkins, Paul Koshenina, Mariel Parman, Greet Provoost and Jean Robinson

The meeting was called to order by Chair Donna Gurley.

Chair Donna Gurley called for a motion to approve the agenda; Commissioner Jim Windham made a motion and Commissioner Carole Haney seconded the motion.

Chair Donna Gurley called for a motion to approve the minutes for the August 10, 2011 Commission meeting; Commissioner Jim Windham made a motion and Commissioner Carole Haney seconded the motion.

General Manager's Report – Ron Biggs

- Mr. Biggs informed the Commission that ridership for the month of August was 31,958. Monthly revenue from passes sold was \$685.00, and the fare-box revenue was \$2,359.00 with a total of \$3,044.00.
- The buses continue to be full all day. The number of Ole Miss Students riding the bus continues to increase. The Green Route has 3 buses with 10 minute interval during peak hours, and we also have an extra bus to pick up passengers that might have been left by the 3 buses if they are filled to capacity.
- The crossing guards are helping with pedestrian traffic on campus.
- There are 3 buses on the Blue Route during the hours when the extended route to the Links is in service.
- Mr. Tim Lett from McDonald Transit informed the Commission that O.U.T. continues to evaluate the bus stops and the bus schedule.

Planner's Report – Tim Akers

- The shelters purchased from Duo Guard will be delivered at the end of the month. Five shelters will be placed at bus stops at the Ole Miss campus and the remaining shelters will be placed at busy bus stops in the City of Oxford.
- The trash cans will be delivered next week.
- The City of Oxford will hold an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) public hearing at 5:30 PM on October 17, 2011 at the Oxford Conference Center. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Request for Service – Molly Barr Trails

- Mr. Julian Allen and Mr. Paul Koshenina attended the Commission Meeting to request future bus service for the new apartment complex “Molly Barr Trails”, which is to be developed on Molly Barr Road.
- Molly Barr Trails is expected to have 72 units. Mr. Biggs will take their request under advisement.

Discussion of Saturday Service

- Several representatives from the University of Mississippi and surrounding apartment complexes housing students attended the meeting to request Saturday service on the Green Route. They stated the apartment complexes on the Green Route are housing a considerable number of foreign students who do not have vehicles and depend on the bus system for transportation. Saturday is the day of choice for students go shopping for groceries and other essential needs.
- Some individuals who could not attend the Commission meeting submitted letters requesting Saturday service on the Green Route.
- Mr. Tim Lett from McDonald Transit informed those present that O.U.T. is studying what it would entail in order to extend bus service to Saturday on the Green Route.
- Mr. Ron Biggs mentioned that O.U.T. would take the necessary steps to try to incorporate Saturday service to the Green Route and possibly extending the bus service to sections of the Yellow Route as well.

Open Discussion

- Ms. Linda Christian thanked O.U.T. for the services it provides to the students who park their vehicles at the Oxford Mall. Many parking decals have been sold by Ole Miss enabling students to park their vehicles at the South Lot and the Oxford Mall where they can board the bus to go to campus.
- Ms. Christian also mentioned that Ole Miss is trying to improve traffic flow by placing crossing guards at strategic intersections.
- Chair Donna Gurley expressed gratitude to all the visitors for attending the meeting.

There being no further business before the Commission, Chair Donna Gurley adjourned the meeting with unanimous yeas upon a motion by Commissioner Mike Black and seconded by Commissioner Jim Windham.