



Oxford - University Transit Meeting

March 14, 2012

Members Present: Donna Gurley, Mike Black, George Price, Jim Windham and Shannon Richardson

Others Present: Tim Akers, Ron Biggs, Alyssa Schnugg, Anne McCauley, and Shamekia Lowe

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Donna Gurley.

Commissioner Donna Gurley called for a motion to approve the agenda; Commissioner Jim Windham made a motion and Commissioner George Price seconded the motion.

Commissioner Donna Gurley called for a motion to approve the minutes for the February 8, 2012 Commission meeting; Commissioner Mike Black made a motion and Commissioner Jim Windham seconded the motion.

General Manager's Report – Ron Biggs

- Ridership for the month of February was 51,117. Monthly revenue from passes sold was \$540.00, and the fare-box revenue was \$2,242.50 with a total of \$2,782.50
- Mr. Biggs reported to the commission that he has contacted Nextbus to change the latitudes and longitudes of some of the locations in lieu of the detours on campus, so that the students will still be able to use their smart phones to check the scheduled times for the bus stop.

Planner's Report – Tim Akers

- Mr. Akers reported that the contract documents for the new transit facility have been forwarded to MDOT on Monday, March 12, 2012. Once MDOT reviews the documents and give the approval, the date for advertisement will be set.
- Mr. Akers informed the commission that the amount of money that is available for construction for the new transit facility is around 1.2 million.

Discussion of Expanded Services

- Mr. Akers reported to the commission that The University has asked for additional service into the heart of the campus from The Oxford Mall and also from the South Lot.
- Mr. Akers informed the commission that Mr. Tim Lett has put together a cost estimate to provide the new service of \$392,000. In order to provide the new service, four buses will have to be acquired. Mr. Akers added that The University has given authority to move forward with an amended grant application to MDOT. The University has also agreed to pay the entire local share for the new service to campus, the cost of the new buses and all other cost for the new service.
- Mr. Akers informed the commission that The University wants to start the new service from the Oxford Mall and The South Lot to campus beginning Fall Semester 2012.
- Mr. Akers informed the commission that The City's contribution will remain the same; it will not increase with the new service requested by The University.

- Mr. Biggs informed the commission the new routes to campus would have 10 minute headways each with 40 feet buses used. Mr. Biggs added that the new service would run all day but the frequency will drop in the evening hours.

Commissioner Jim Windham made a motion and Commissioner George Price seconded the motion to recommend that The Board of Aldermen approve the amended grant to MDOT for the new service requested by The University.

Open Discussion

- Ann McCauley requested permission to advertise for Green Week on the OUT buses and/or at the bus stops.

Commissioner Shannon Richardson made a motion to have a “Public Notice” on the OUT buses about Green Week; motion seconded by Commissioner George Price.

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