



Metro Transit Advisory Committee

February 2023 Meeting Notes

Location: Metro Administrative Offices

2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, NE 68102

Attendance:

Travis Halm, Karen Bluvas, Loma Lindstrom

Staff: Nicole Ebat, Evan Schweitz, John Owens

Date: February 8, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Call to order – 7:01pm

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Loma, second by Karen. Approved.

Opening: Public comment period

- No members of the public were in attendance.

New business:

Item #1: Introduction of new MOBY Manager, John Owens

- 14+ years at Metro, started as an operator, moved into bus dispatch.
- Short about 4-5 Moby drivers, recruitment has been a challenge
- Interested in some opportunities to enhance training
- 13 new vans arriving within the next few months
- Eager to learn from former Moby Manager
- Discussion of recent snow storm response, no major service cancellations or issues.

Item #2: Plans for increased frequency on certain routes

- Various frequency improvements on routes 3,4,11,13,15,24,30, especially on Sundays, including later evening service on Sunday.
- Coordinating with service to Riverfront Drive, Luminarium opening, Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge via Route 16.

Item #3: Plans for celebrating ORBT one-millionth ride

- Anticipating 1 million rides on ORBT in early March
- Coordinating with community partners to organize a celebration date, will include free fares.

Other Business:

- Service to Metro Crossing in Council Bluffs
- Up 26% in ridership 2022 over 2021, continued usage on weekends
- ORBT had record ridership in January 2023.
- Should measure to see ridership results of TOD projects over time
- Lots of development near transit routes, encouraging to see more of this.
- Gathering and reviewing old TAC materials and bylaws, looking to make some updates to be discussed at a future meeting.

Karen motion to adjourn, Loma second, adjourn 7:32pm

Next Meeting:

March 8, 2023, 7p.m.

Metro administrative offices- Lobby conference room