

Meeting Notes

Transit Development Plan Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 30, 2005
11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Boone/Bancroft Room #200
John G. Christy Municipal Building
320 E. McCarty Street, Jefferson City, Missouri

Steven Billings ✓
Missy Bonnot
Carrie Carroll ✓
Jim Casey ✓
Councilman Brian Crane ✓
Councilman Ken Ferguson

Dr. Paula Kindrick Hartsfield ✓
Councilman Dean Martin ✓
Bonnie Schroder ✓
Chief Roger Schroeder
Brian Wekamp ✓

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Janice McMillan
Richard Turner
Alan Morrison
Anne Stratman

CONSULTANT TEAM

John Dobies, TranSystems Corporation
Cody Christensen, TranSystems Corporation

GUESTS PRESENT

Bill Robinett, Missouri Department of Transportation
Kris Hilgedick, News Tribune

Project Status Report

A. Project Schedule

Mr. Dobies stated that the Community Survey was completed in August, 2005 and the summary results were included in your meeting packet. He explained that completion of the study is still on schedule for the latter part of October, 2005.

B. Household Survey Results

Mr. Dobies stated that more than half of those surveyed were not familiar with JEFFTRAN and that fewer than half would not use JEFFTRAN if the bus stop were more than two (2) blocks away. He stated that most people would pay more than the current fare and over 90 percent indicate that supporting transit is important.

Transit Center Evaluation

C. Improvements to Greyhound Station

Mr. Dobies reiterated that the transfer center at the intersection of Jefferson and High Streets will be relocated to the former Greyhound Bus Station on West McCarty Street. He explained that improvements will be necessary for the parking lot and building.

Ms. McMillan discussed the possibility of cultivating a relationship with Columbia for regional service.

D. Downtown Transfer Center Concept

Mr. Dobies showed a conceptual transfer site that is approximately one (1) acre and accommodates eight (8) buses. He discussed a conceptual timeline for securing funding, conducting an environmental analysis and construction.

Financial Projections

Mr. Dobies explained that he has received new legislation on the transportation bill for federal operating assistance and will need to recalculate the projections before reporting to Committee members.

Fares and Revenue

Mr. Dobies stated that a fare increase is recommended for inclusion in the Transit Development Plan. He suggested establishing a policy for periodic fare review and adjustments, plus establishing an unlimited monthly ride pass. Mr. Dobies discussed ways to mitigate adverse effects when increasing fares.

Transit Service Evaluation

Mr. Dobies stated that since service is fundamentally sound, he is hesitant to make changes. He discussed alternatives for service modifications, as well as, suggestions for expansion and stated that a 30 minute service is preferable.

Preparation for September 20, 2005 Public Meeting

Mr. Dobies invited Committee members to attend the public meeting scheduled for September 20, 2005 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Adjournment. With no other business the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.