

Meeting Notes

Transit Development Plan Steering Committee Meeting

Monday, December 19, 2005
11:30 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
Steve MacIntyre

CONSULTANT TEAM

John Dobies, TranSystems Corporation
Cody Christensen, TranSystems Corporation

GUESTS PRESENT

Kris Hilgedick, News Tribune

Project Status Report

Mr. Dobies stated that a presentation of the final plan has been tentatively scheduled for the January 19, 2006 meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee. He explained that the Steering Committee, CAMPO Technical Committee and Board of Directors will be invited to attend.

Review of TDP Recommendations

A. Fixed Route Service

Mr. Dobies reviewed the following recommendations for fixed route service:

1. Reconfigure routes to the hub at the bus station on West McCarty;
2. Extend service 30 minutes earlier in the morning and one hour longer in the evening;
3. Establish evening service, Saturday service, new Capital Mall route, downtown circulator, express routes and transit service beyond the Jefferson City corporate limits.

B. Paratransit Service

Mr. Dobies explained that the new Federal Transportation Bill contains a new category of funding called New Freedom, specifically for paratransit services. He stated that before a metropolitan area is eligible for those funds, they must have a coordinated human services plan in place.

C. Capital Improvements

Mr. Dobies stated that the vehicle replacement program is on schedule and recommends heavy duty transit busses, such as the new Gillig Busses, for their durability and low maintenance.

D. Fare Structure

Mr. Dobies explained that the City has not increased fares since 1982 and is recommending an increase of either \$.75 or \$1.00. He stated that the public has indicated acceptance of a fare increase to \$.75 rather than \$1.00. Mr. Dobies clarified that reduced fares will increase, as well. He recommended implementing a fare increase when relocating to the bus station on West McCarty and making service improvements because the public is more receptive to a fare increase when improvements or service modifications are implemented. Mr. Dobies stated that a periodic review of fare increases will be part of their recommendation.

Mr. Dobies distributed a draft of the Transit Service Deployment Guidelines which provides guidance for the development and modification of transit services as part of the Jefferson City Transit Development Plan. He explained that the purpose of the guidelines are to create an objective basis for designing transit service; achieve a degree of consistency in the deployment of service across the City and metro area; and reflect policy and financial considerations in transit service design in a structured manner.

Mr. Dobies explained that the Steering Committee will be asked to assist with developing priorities for the transit service modifications and fare structure modifications included in the draft Transit Development Plan. He distributed questionnaires requesting committee members to rank each potential service modification and indicated preference for each fare structure modification options using attached forms. Mr. Dobies stated that the implementation period for the transit service modifications and fare structure modifications is six (6) years from 2006 through 2011. He explained that the rankings and input will be compiled and summarized and included as input to the Transit Development Plan. Mr. Dobies requested that staff distribute the questionnaires to those members who are absent and once those results are received they will be compiled and returned to staff for distribution.

Financial Analysis

Mr. Dobies explained that the Financial Analysis shows that an increase in City funding of about 33 percent by 2011 is necessary to maintain the current level of service. He distributed a table outlining five year total operating and capital funding requirements.

Adjournment. With no other business the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.