

**CONNECT TRANSIT
COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The meeting of the Community Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) was held at the Connect Transit facility located at 351 Wylie Drive, Normal, IL 61761 on May 20, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rickielee Benecke
Dayna Brown
William T. Brown
Mary L. Caisley
Janet M. Hood
Evelyn LaCroix Johnson
Doug E. Minter
Steve Petrilli, Jr.
Matt Poppe
Jim Rosenlund
Michael Salzberger
Noha Shawki

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mike O'Grady - Excused
Mike Raikes - Excused
Shannon Tarkowski - Excused

STAFF PRESENT:

Andrew Johnson, General Manager
Kyle Boehm, Planner
Julie Phillips, Executive Assistant – Labor Relations

Andrew Johnson, General Manager introduced himself and welcomed the Community Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) members. The CTAC members introduced themselves to each other in place of the roll call. Mr. Johnson introduced the Connect Transit staff members that were in attendance.

There were no Public Comments.

Mr. Johnsons stated that he would talk briefly about the 2016 Budget process and then would have Kyle Boehm, Planner provide an update on the Fixed Stop Locations Project and the Comprehensive Operational Analysis, (COA) project. He wanted to bring the group up to speed on these two projects.

Mr. Johnson stated that Connect staff had prepared a number of budget scenarios based on proposed State of Illinois funding cuts. Connect Transit did not expect to cut service, but was planning contingencies in the case of State funding cuts. Connect Transit would practice transparency during the budget process. There were no plans to announce any cuts.

Kyle Boehm, Planner, introduced himself and presented the Fixed Stop Locations project. He stated that the project included input from the community and riders. Two open houses were held. Features of the Fixed Stop Locations project included formalizing stop locations to

eliminate rider and driver confusion; a more efficient and streamlined service; more ADA compliant bus stops; ¼ mile spacing, and increased use of modern technology such as mobile applications. There was an August 1, 2015, "Go Live" date for the new Fixed Stop transit system.

Mr. Boehm presented the Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) project. Nelson/Nygaard, Inc. is the organization that would be conducting the COA. The process would involve assessing all aspects of Connect Transit and the services provided. The purpose of the COA is to improve service to meet the community's needs in the most cost effective and efficient way. Two public listening sessions would be held, on June 16, 2015 and June 18, 2015. A special session would be held for the CTAC members on June 17, 2015 at the Connect Transit facility. An invitation would be mailed to the members in the coming days. A special website has been created that will provide additional information regarding the COA and can be found at www.connecttransitcoa.com.

Andrew Johnson, General Manager thanked Mr. Boehm for his presentation. He stated that many use public transportation, but everyone needs it. He hoped that the CTAC members and Connect Transit staff would learn a lot from each other. His hope was that they would come to have a better understanding of how public transit works. It is a very complex industry with many nuances and is heavily regulated.

Mr. Johnson closed the formal meeting and opened the floor for comments and questions.

Immediately following all comments and questions, Kyle Boehm, Planner, reminded the group that the COA consultants would meet with the CTAC members on June 17, 2015 at 3 p.m. at the Connect Transit facility.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.