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September 3, 2020

Public Transportation Office
Attn.: Shauna Miller
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Ms. Miller,

I am applying for the District 3 position on the Public Transportation Advisory Council. As outlined briefly in my curriculum vitae, I have held leadership positions and served on several boards during the course of my career in education and continue to do so in my retirement. I have also initiated and presided over several involved projects. I believe that my strongest asset in these roles is that I do the work: I don't procrastinate, and I don't defer. In this undertaking, I will do the work as always, but I have a particular stake in this unique council: it is charged solely with advancing public transportation.

I was diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa in my 30's (I am losing my eye sight from the outside in), and I haven't driven for over 25 years. Ten years ago my retina specialist suggested I visit the Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ICBVI). I was hesitant at first—I couldn't admit that I needed help. I eventually participated in all their course offerings, and the people there changed my life. I have been working to give back ever since, including serving on the state board for the ICBVI, and filling several positions for the National Federation of the Blind (NFB). Because I have met with and served with many Idahoans relying on public transportation, I have networking contacts throughout the state both in advocacy efforts (through the NFB) and in official channels (through the ICBVI).

In my work with and my association with the blind and visually impaired community, I've found that many, many of us consider our vision issues merely an inconvenience. In fact, one of my colleagues calls her recent blindness "this great adventure." The motto of the NFB is "Live the life you want—blindness is not what holds you back." However, to a person our biggest challenge always is we can't drive. We live in a society built around the automobile, and we simply can't drive! It's one thing to want public transportation, it's a different world to *need* it. Public transportation improves and enhances all of our lives, and I know that, and I want to advance that ideal for all. In addition, I earnestly want to represent the voice of disabled Idahoans on the council charged with our transportation.

Respectfully,


Allan R. Schneider

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September 8, 2020

Shauna Miller
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Ms. Miller,

Please accept this letter of reference for Al Schneider for the Public Transportation Advisory Council District 3 Position. As you are aware, I recently resigned from PTAC after serving 6 years. As such, I am well aware of the duties and responsibilities as well as the qualities needed to successfully serve on the PTAC including integrity, a willingness to serve, and a genuine interest in public transportation throughout Idaho. Al Schneider embodies each of these qualities.

Al has demonstrated integrity throughout his life with his dedication as a public-school teacher and the trust our neighborhood has placed in him as our HOA representative. As anyone can see from his resume, Al has a long and extensive history serving the community on a wide variety of boards and organizations. And, please know that his service on these boards goes beyond showing up at meetings. His organization, leadership and spirit has motivated our entire neighborhood to participate in the annual National Federal for the Blind Ride Cycle for Independence bicycle ride - 5 years running. Finally, Al recognizes the importance of public transportation, not just because he uses it but also because he sees how integral it is in supporting mobility and economic opportunity, especially in the District 3 area having lived in both Emmett and Boise.

While I am saddened by no longer serving on PTAC, I am confident that selecting Al Schneider will serve both PTAC and Idaho well. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Maureen H. Gresham

Albert F. Cinnamon
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Letter of Reference; Allan Schneider

Sept. 1, 2020

To Whom It Would Concern,

I have known Al since 1992. I came to Emmett to be the Youth Minister at a local church, and Al came to teach at Emmett High School. He was directing a large production of Guys and Dolls, and needed a few Extras to be in the play. He called me and asked if some of my youth group kids and I would be people that walked across the stage on the 'streets of New Your City' as tourists. Since that time we have become good friends.

We have cross country skied, winter camped, ridden bicycles, worked out and ran together for over 20 years. Until he moved to Boise after he retired.

Al had been a very important person in Emmett during his time living here. As a teacher at the High School, (English teacher, so I know he is reading this and wondering who taught me English) Al also became the one the school used to be in charge of many school activities; from All School Veterans Day Assemblies, to Scholarship assemblies, and teacher training and many more.

For our Community Al was very involved in certain things. He thought up and organized the whole community to have a Renaissance Fair. It was really a lot larger than Emmett. Vendors and participants came from all over the state as well as people who wanted to see the Knights and Damsels.

Al has shown that he has a very keen understanding of what is needed to pull off big events, and small ones. He is a person who not only knows what needs to be done, but how to get the necessary people to help him get it done.

Since I have known Al, he has had difficulty with his vision. He has a lack of peripheral vision. But I have never known him to feel handicapped in any way. We still were very active in physical activities as well as community activities.

I believe I can recommend Allan Schneider for the Public Transportation Advisory Council, and know that if he is placed on it all will be glad he is there.

If you need any further assistance from me, please contact me at cert83617@yahoo.com or 208.365.8822

All For Christ,
Albert F. Cinnamon



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Public Transportation Office
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Dear Ms. Miller:

As the president of the National Federation of the Blind of Idaho, I am recommending Al Schneider for the Public Transportation Advisory Council, District 3 position. I have known Mr. Schneider for over 10 years. He serves several positions in the National Federation of the Blind of Idaho, and possesses many talents and abilities which would be assets to this position. As state newsletter editor, Mr. Schneider demonstrates clear, concise written and verbal communication skills. He has given presentations to our state convention, chapter meetings, schools and other venues showing an ability to present materials clearly, even when speaking to audiences who are not able to see a visual presentation. Mr. Schneider is the coordinator of the largest state fundraiser for the National Federation of the Blind of Idaho, the Cycle for Independence. He has greatly increased the number of sponsors for this event, and has at least doubled the income raised from this event. He prepares and plans other documents mandated by Ada and Canyon counties where this bike ride is held. Mr. Schneider is the treasurer for our largest chapter in the state, and manages a budget of several thousand dollars. He provides monthly reports to the chapter, which are always clear and well written. He completes all financial business connected with this assignment in a timely manner.

Prior to his involvement with the National Federation of the Blind of Idaho, Mr. Schneider worked with the Emmett Lions club and the Idaho Commission for the Blind developing a project where restaurants can have their menus provided in braille and large print at no cost so their blind and visually impaired patrons can read them.

In 2016, Mr. Schneider organized a celebration of White Cane Safety Day at our state capital. This celebration included a proclamation, which was read by then Lieutenant Governor Little, several speakers, and a demonstration of braille and the use of the white cane, where the Lieutenant Governor Little was instructed how to use the cane while under blindfold.

Mr. Schneider has driven Idaho roads as a sighted person until his vision loss. He now uses public transportation, and often travels on his bicycle on the green belt and city streets.

In summary, I believe that Mr. Schneider's written and verbal communication skills, his organizational skills, his attention to detail, his ability to plan and carry out projects and his knowledge of transportation systems will make him an excellent member of the Idaho Public Transportation Advisory Council. Please contact me if I can provide any further information.

Sincerely,
Dana Ard

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION:

B.S. In Secondary Education, Northern State University, 1977
60+ Additional hours in English, reading, athletics, theater, and education
National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certified

WORK EXPERIENCE:

1991 to 2010	English/drama, reading teacher, and cross-country coach	Emmett High School
1989 to 1991	English/reading teacher	American School of Las Palmas, Canary Islands
1979 to 1989	English/reading teacher, and track coach	Moorcroft, Wyoming
1977 to 1979	English teacher and track/ cross-country coach	Waubay, South Dakota

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certified
Nominee for Governor's Brightest Star Award
**Current coordinator of *Cycle for Independence* (fundraiser for
Idaho's blind/visually impaired)**
Current Board Member for Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Current Editor for the National Federation of the Blind of Idaho newsletter
Current Treasurer for the Treasure Valley Chapter of NFB Idaho
Current Board Member of the Treasure Valley Chapter of NFB Idaho
Founder and former facilitator of Emmett Support Group for Visually Impaired
Founder and former president of the Idaho Renaissance Faire
Founder and former director of EHS's Senior Project program
Founder and former director of Natural Helpers program
Founder and former president of Project Starfish
Founder and former president of Emmett Community Playhouse
Teacher of the Year six times
Graduation Speaker four times
Homecoming Grand Marshall two times
Director of seven major musicals
Winner of four Director of the Year awards



Conflict of Interest

As a member of the Public Transportation Advisory Council (PTAC), you will be leading and participating in meetings and processes related to public transportation.

This PTAC function requires that you fully disclose any real or potential conflict of interest that may influence or appear to influence your objectivity, judgment, or decisions. Based on the specific detail of any possible conflict of interest, you may be asked to recuse yourself from elements of the evaluation and recommendation process. If at any point you determine that a conflict of interest may exist, it is your responsibility to notify the presiding PTAC chair to determine the most appropriate action.

Examples of a conflict of interest, or the appearance of a conflict of interest, exist when a council member:

- Is directly or indirectly associated with the project applicant.
- Is employed, working as an intern, or considered for employment by the project applicant.
- Is a student or volunteer with the project applicant?
- Is providing, or intends to provide, direct or in-kind financial assistance related to the applicant or project application.
- Is elected to, appointed to, or employed by an organization that is providing, or intends to provide, direct or in-kind financial assistance to an applicant or the project application.
- Is a member of a committee or board, voting or otherwise, of the project applicant?
- Participated in the preparation of a submitted project application.
- Maintains an ownership position of any type, including securities or other evidences of debt, with the project applicant.
- Has a personal relationship with someone who has an interest in the project application.

The above examples and are not intended as a complete list. If you have any questions concerning possible conflicts of interest, contact Public Transportation Program Manager prior to signing this form.

I have read and fully understand this Conflict of Interest Statement (Attachment A) and will immediately advise the presiding PTAC Chair or the Public Transportation Program Manager of any potential conflict during my term on the PTAC.

Allan R Schneider

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Print Name

Signature

10-10-20

Date



Public Transportation Advisory Committee (PTAC) Application Form

Required for Submission

Please include the following information:

- Cover Letter
- Letters of recommendation and/or references
- Conflict of Interest Statement (attached)
- Resume that includes work experience, educational background, and any other relevant experience.

Contact Information

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Organization Affiliation (if any):

Name: _____
 Street Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

District you are applying for:

District 1 ___ District 2 ___ District 3 X District 4 ___ District 5 ___ District 6 ___