



Public Transportation Advisory Council (PTAC) Meeting Minutes

June 09, 2022, 9:00 am – 12:10 pm
Idaho Transportation Department
Conference Room: Webex
3311 W State Street, Boise, ID 83703

Chair: Kathleen Lewis
Vice Chair: Ryan Luttmann

- I. Call to Order (Chair)
- II. Roll Call (Chair)

PTAC Representatives	ITD-PT Staff	Other
D1 PTAC – Ryan Luttmann	Shauna Miller	Skyler Beebe, PRT
D2 PTAC – Alisa Anderson	Taylor Bothke	Terri Lindeberg, TVT
D3 PTAC – Alan Schnedier	Beth Thompson	Kade Marquez, GIFT
D4 PTAC – Jeff McCurdy	Sam Carroll	Amy Schroeder, ITD
D5 PTAC – Kathleen Lewis	Summer Hirschfield	

- III. Approval of Minutes (Chair) Vote – Approved
Member McCurdy motioned to approve, Member Luttmann seconded
- IV. Public Comment
 - Terri Lindenberg, Treasure Valley Transit – I met with our cities and counties regarding a significant funding increase looking at the costs due to labor, fuel, and inflation. One of the things they have asked me to present to PTAC and to ITD is the fact on the transition to electric vehicles. They would like me to propose to them in working with ITD how do we incorporate that transition and the timing of it while be cognizant of the additional costs of charging stations and the electric vehicles considering our areas are rural.
- V. Safety Share (ITD-Miller) – Brain Injury Awareness
- VI. TECM Presentation (ITD-TECM Office)



VII. PTAC District Report Outs (Chair)

- District 1:
 - Kootenai County:
 - Moving forward with IMI Program
 - Ridership at about 80% of pre-covid
 - Increased fuel and maintenance costs
 - Shoshone/Silver Lake Express
 - Upgrading bicycle racks
 - Fuel costs are not impacting them
 - No driver or staffing issues
 - SPOT
 - David Simms stepped down and are interviewing for his position
 - Higher ridership than pre-covid
 - Sidewalk project will connect 3 stops
- District 2:
 - Lewiston Transit
 - Driver retainage and highering issues because of CDL requirements and pay.
 - Uber and Lyft \$24/hour
 - LTS \$18 with benefits.
 - Moscow \$20/hour but no benefits
 - FMCSA Entry Level Drvier Requirements has resulted in ~65,000 drivers not being able to maintain their CDL
 - 2 Dial a Ride buses beign used on Fixed Route to maintain services
 - Census results notice to go out by September
 - Nez Perce Tribe – Appaloosa Express: Driver shortage issues
 - RPT/SMART
 - Ben resigned and they are working on recruiting his replacement
 - Steady Ridership
 - School is out
 - Fixed route is deviate because on construction
 - Driver shortages
 - Exploring transitioning over to electric buses



- District 3:
 - VRT Bike Share is back
 - McCall Station Grand Opening June 7, 11 years in the making!
 - Mountain Home Senior Center excited about new bus
 - COMPASS finalizing long range planning
 - Showing uptick in Ridership
 - Driver shortages
 - VRT CARES exhausted in Ada County, but still has funds available for Canyon County
 - City and County officials have a lot of interest in going electric but are worried about cost
 - VRT – Infrastructure Act used for ITS is ready for on demand and fixed route will be up and running later
 - ACHD Commuteride added 6 new van routes, now serving 82 routes
 - Training Topics
 - Preferred Formats – PowerPoint and Video because they can be looked at when time permits
 - Topics – Safety and Human Trafficking Awareness
 - CDL Training offered?
 - Thinkific.com

- District 4:
 - Twin Falls MPO Transition
 - Trans IV dissolving 09/30/2022, leaving a public transportation gap
 - MRTA
 - Second bus storage location
 - RAISE Grant
 - Ridership continues to rebound
 - Workforce housing issues
 - Rising Gas prices
 - Zero Fare

- District 5:
 - Summer slow down
 - Attracting new drivers, but losing some so there is still a need for drivers
 - Ridership is up but not pre-covid yet
 - Free summer youth pass
 - Medicaid keeping them afloat in rural areas
 - Idaho is one of few states that doesn't have state funding to support public transportation
 - Electric vehicle change over
 - Explore having MRTA present to PTAC on their transition
 - Session at summit for Electric Bus Transition?



VIII. PT Office Update (ITD-Miller)

- Staffing Changes
- Chinden Campus
- Hybrid Working Changes
- Idaho Falls Update
- McCall Ribbon Cutting
- State Audit Update
- State Management Review
- National RTAP Entry Level Driver Training
- CDL School Proposal
- ID Council on Aging Partnership

IX. Operations and Capital Program Update (ITD-Miller)

- Wrapping up agreements, they go into effect 10/01/2022
- June 7, McCall Ribbon Cutting
- Significant cost increases and delayed delivery having impacts
- 5339b – MRTA 8 vanpool vans applied for
- 5339c – applied for ~\$2.1 million
- RAISE Grant - \$15.5 million application in District 4

X. Summit Update (ITD-Miller)

- In Person tentatively October 4-6, but have not secured a location yet
- Registration opens September 1
- PTAC Roundtables
- No breakout sessions
- Member Anderson requested a presentation on electric vehicle transition

XI. One-Time Funding Application (ITD-Miller)

- Releasing in collaboration with the Summit

XII. New Congressional Award Recommendation (ITD-Bothke) – Vote

- Member Anderson motioned to approve, Member Luttmann seconded

XIII. PSA Project (ITD-Bothke)

XIV. PTAC Application Review District 2 (ITD-Miller) Vote – Approved

XV. PTAC Application Review District 6 (ITD-Miller) Vote – Approved

XVI. Chair & Vice Chair Appointments (Chair) Vote – approved

- Chair: Kathleen Lewis
 - Member Luttmann motioned to approve, Member Anderson seconded
- Vice Chair: Ryan Luttmann
 - Member Anderson motioned to approve, Member Lewis seconded



XVII. 2022 PTAC Goals (Chair) Vote – Approved

- Safety
 - Statewide Continuation of Human Trafficking Awareness
 - Serve as a conduit of training resource needs from our providers to ITD-PT
 - Review training attendance and outcome trends presented by ITD-PT annually

Member McCurdy motioned to approve, Member Anderson seconded

- Mobility
 - PTAC to identify and assist with service-to-service connectivity
 - PTAC to identify and support agency initiatives to connecting the traveling public with services
 - PTAC to support providers with their efforts in education, transition, and/or implementation of Electric Vehicles

Member Schneider motioned to approve, Member McCurdy seconded

- Economic Opportunity
 - PTAC to continually solicit and gather feedback from providers within their district, to advise the PT Office on funding allocations.
 - PTAC to continually explore and gather information on additional funding sources to support sustainability in public transportation.

Member McCurdy motioned to approve, Member Luttmann seconded

XVIII. Next Meeting Agenda Review (Chair)

XIX. New Business and Future Business (Chair)

XX. Adjourn (Chair)

- Member McCurdy motioned to adjourn, Member Luttmann seconded