

Maritime Metro Transit  
Transit Commission  
Minutes  
Wednesday, May 9, 2012

**Mission Statement**

Maritime Metro Transit System is to provide safe, reliable, convenient and cost-effective transit service with a skilled team of employees, dedicated to our customers' needs and independence.

**Members and Advisory Staff Present** - Linda Grider, Mobility Manager, Linda Schultz, Jim Muenzenmeyer, Building & Grounds/Transit/Recreation Manager, Claudia Halonen, Neil Halonen, David Koenig, Janet Paszkewicz, Mickey Veleke

**Members not present** - Alderman Representative, and Valerie Mellon, Director Public Works, Parks and, City Engineer, Tom Kiel

**Call meeting to order** - Janet called the meeting to order at 4:16 PM

**Approval of the minutes** - Linda S. moved to approve the minutes, Claudia second -approved

**Public Input** - No public present

**Update on service hour change** - Jim stated the drivers are adjusting well to the new schedule. A price increase for bus passes and tokens has been implemented. Janet stated the hours for the Saturday routes are difficult, but all seemed to think the new hours were a better idea than a total cut in two hours at the end of the day. Janet said we are grateful to have a bus service. Janet asked how Saturdays were going. Jim informed the commission that he did not see a significant increase on Saturdays with the free rides. Claudia thought she had seen some new faces on Saturday and is hoping it will be an important function of the community.

**Digital sign boards on busses** - Jim brought this up since he does not like the way the signs have been used in the past and he is recommending we come up with a policy to cover the use of the signs. Jim believes the signs should only be Transit related information and does not like the advertising.

**Personal Care Attendants** - Mickey told the commission that Maritime Metro Transit (MMT) had a request from an agency to allow Personal Care Attendants (PCA) to ride the fixed route bus free when helping someone. MMT's policy is if someone shows their paratransit certified card and has a PCA the PCA can ride free. After much discussion regarding; how would MMT track if someone actually needed a PCA - if someone needs specialized help perhaps they should be on paratransit - MMT is an economical service MMT should not be required to provide free PCA as well - concern of abuse of the system; it was decided by Maritime Metro Transit Commission that MMT should not provide free rides to a PCA unless the person needing the PCA has an "ADA Certificate of Eligibility for MMT Paratransit Service" card.

**Council appointment** - Jim announced that Christopher Able, Council Member had been appointed to the Transit Commission. Chris had been at another meeting and as Jim was saying his name he walked in so the Commission had an opportunity to meet Alderman Able and introduce themselves.

**Other Business** - Mickey announced to the commission that Dave and the kids he works with at UWM through Lincoln High School will be having a brat fry on Friday.

**Member Input** - The question was asked; how many miles a day do the buses travel per route and

the cost of fuel per mile? Jim said he would get the answers.

Linda G. stated Derek Muench had given a presentation at a WRAPP conference regarding the Bus Buddy Program and how important the Bus Buddy Program is. Linda's hope is that we keep the program going. She is also looking for volunteer drivers for her volunteer program.

**Next meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday, August 1, 2012.

**Adjourned-** a motion was made by Linda S. and seconded by Claudia to Adjourn - motion carried