

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 9, 2005, MEETING OF THE CITYLINK ADA ADVISORY BOARD

A meeting of the CityLink ADA Advisory Board was held in the conference room at CityLink Transit, 1189 S. 2nd St., Abilene, Texas on Wednesday, March 9, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. Brigitte Lett – Board Chairperson called the meeting to order, the following members were present:

Brigitte Lett James Shepard

Also present and attending the meeting were, Maintenance Director Kevin Riney, Shop Foremen Keith Crim, and Data Entry Clerk, Jana Rolin. Members not present include: David Alcala, David Barnhill, Pam Barnhill, Patsy Daniel, and Shirley Hudson. Due to the board not meeting quorum, no items of action were taken. General Manager (GM) Amy Foerster was not able to attend this Board meeting. Mr. Riney was designated by Ms. Foerster to act on her behalf.

Mr. Riney conveyed to the Board that Ms. Foerster was unable to attend the Board meeting on this day due to traveling to Washington D.C. to lobby for Congress to reauthorize T 21 transit funding.

Mr. Riney informed the Board that Ms. Foerster has completed the required documentation requesting congressional ‘earmark’ funding from our new State Representative Randy Neugebauer. These funds are to be used to purchase the land formerly known as Sun Set Stages.

Mr. Riney reported to the Board CityLink’s Evening Service ridership for the month of January 2005 has increased over 21% as compared to the current month last year. Ridership for this fiscal year to date has increased 11% from last year. Revenue for the current month has decreased by over 72%, compared to this month last year and the revenue for the fiscal year to date has also decreased over 74%.

Mr. Riney discussed with the Board CityLink’s ridership statistics covering the fourth month, January 2005, of the fiscal year 2005. Fixed route ridership for the current month has increased by over 4% compared to this month last year, reporting 40,267 passengers during the month of January 2005. Passenger revenue for fiscal year to date has decreased over 5% as compared to fiscal year to date last year. Ms. Lett asked the status of the new Route 12. Mr. Riney responded by stating the new route will be very successful but the route is still new and unexplored by many passengers. Demand response passenger trips equaled 7,064 for the month of January 2005, a decrease of over 15% as compared to January 2004 subsequently, fiscal year to date has decreased also by over 12% compared to 2004. Passenger trips for the fiscal year to date totals 28,494 whereas fiscal year to date last year was 32,666. Revenues for January 2005 were \$5,572 and revenues from January 2004 were \$4,786, which is an increase of over 16%. Revenue for fiscal year to date is down over 77% as compared to last fiscal year to date. Evening service ridership has increased by over 21% showing 1,574 passenger trips for the month of January 2005 as compared to 1,297 passenger trips for the month of January 2004 and is also increased for fiscal year to date by over 11%. Revenue for January 2005 was \$1,414 and revenue for January 2004 was \$5,103, which is a decrease of over 72%. Revenue for the fiscal year to date has decreased over 74% compared to last year.

Mr. Riney gave a status report of CityLink's Charter Service. For the month January 2005, CityLink's Charter Service had 161 passengers compared to January 2004 which had 34 passengers. Revenue, vehicle miles, and vehicle hours were up significantly in January 2005.

Mr. Riney discussed with the Board the status of CityLink's funding/grants. Mr. Riney reported that according to the American Public Transportation Association, President Bush had authorized a 2% increase in transportation funding for a total of \$7.8 billion but the yearly revenue needed to operate is \$20 billion. Mr. Riney stated the remaining funding remains consistent.

Mr. Riney explained to the Board of the status of the Capital Vehicle Replacement Program. CityLink just received 2 new support vehicles. The new bus specifications are currently being reviewed at the City and hopefully should be the last draft. These specifications are for 8 new buses. Once the bid is awarded, CityLink should receive the new buses in 2006. Mr. Riney also informed the Board since CityLink utilized Texas Department of Transportation (TX DOT) funding to purchase the 2004 para-transit vans, TX DOT dictates alternative fuels must be used. CityLink is using low sulfur diesel fuel, which is considered an alternative fuel, in 3 of the vans.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

The minutes approved this _____ day of _____.

Chairperson, CityLink ADA Advisory Board