

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 14, 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, December 14, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. Brigitte Lett – Board Chairperson called the meeting to order, the following members were present:

Brigitte Lett
David Barnhill

Pam Barnhill
David Alcalá

Patsy Daniel

Bill Daniel

Also present and attending the meeting was: General Manager Amy Foerster, and Special Services Administrator Bobby Sharpe.

Members not present include: James Shepard, and Shirley Hudson.

Board reorganization was discussed. Ms. Foerster notified the Board that she administered the Oath of Office to Mr. David Barnhill for reappointment to the Board prior to the meeting. Ms. Foerster approached the Board regarding the possible addition of members to the Board. Ms. Foerster stated she would like the Board to become more active by attending City Council meetings, writing legislative letters and other means of advocating for CityLink Transit. The members present were in agreement with the recommended additions to the Board and to the increased involvement of the Board.

Ms. Foerster informed the Board that CityLink is processing grants and that funding has been received and is being applied to vehicles and operations.

Ms. Foerster reported to the Board CityLink's Evening Service ridership for the month of November 2005 has increased over 28% as compared to the current month last year. Ridership for this fiscal year to date has increased 17% from last year. Revenue for the current month has increased by over 68%, compared to this month last year and the revenue for the fiscal year to date has also increased over 37%.

Ms. Foerster discussed with the Board CityLink's ridership statistics covering the first month, November 2005, of the fiscal year 2006. Fixed route ridership for the current month has increased by over 17% compared to this month last year, reporting 44,785 passengers during the month of November 2005. Passenger revenue for fiscal year to date has increased over 72% as compared to fiscal year to date last year. Demand response passenger trips equaled 7,555 for the month of November 2005, an increase of over 12% as compared to November 2004. Demand response ridership for the fiscal year to date has increased by over 9% compared to 2004. Passenger trips for the fiscal year to date totals 15,667 whereas fiscal year to date last year was 14,292. Revenues for November 2005 were \$5,428 and revenues from November 2004 were \$3,507, which is an increase of over 54%. Revenue for fiscal year to date is up over 47% as compared to last fiscal year to date. Evening service ridership has increased by over 28% showing 1,704 passenger trips for the month of November 2005 as compared to 1,329 passenger trips for the month of November 2004 and has shown an increase for fiscal year to date of over

17%. Revenue for November 2005 was \$1,771 and revenue for November 2004 was \$1,051, which is an increase of over 68%. Revenue for the fiscal year to date has increased over 37% compared to last year.

Ms. Foerster gave a status report of CityLink's Charter Service. For the month November 2005, CityLink's Charter Service had 40 passengers compared to November 2004 which had 22 passengers.

Ms. Foerster explained to the Board the status of the Capital Vehicle Replacement Program. CityLink has received all of the 5 new para-transit vans that were ordered approximately seven months ago. The new bus specifications are currently being finalized. Once the new buses are received, CityLink may begin specifications for some heavy-duty para-transit vans due to the unreliability of the newest vans in the fleet.

Ms. Foerster informed the Board that CityLink's proposed fare increase did not pass as recommended. The City Council did approve a fare increase for the fixed route service as follows:

<u>Single ride:</u>	<u>Weekly Passes:</u>	<u>Monthly Passes:</u>
Adult-\$1.00	Adult-\$10.00	Adult-\$30.00
Student-\$.75	Student-\$7.50	Student-\$20.00
Elderly/Disabled-\$.35	Elderly/Disabled-\$5.00	Elderly/Disabled-\$11.00

No changes to the ADA para-transit service were accepted by City Council.

The Evening Service fares remain the same with the exception of the cost of a "No/Show" which increased to \$4.00.

Ms. Foerster stated that CityLink will be working on other projects this next year such as replacing back wall of shop, refurbishing the passenger waiting area and restrooms, push button doors to the building and that a Request for Proposal has been written to have a consulting firm conduct a fixed route revision study. Other items of interest for the next year include enhancing CityLink's color scheme and possibly updating the CityLink logo. Ms. Foerster notified the Board that a committee of CityLink employees revised CityLink Transit's mission statement a couple of months ago.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

The minutes approved this _____ day of _____.

Chairperson, CityLink ADA Advisory Board