

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2006, 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 Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. Due to the absence of Brigitte Lett – Board Chairperson, General Manager Amy Foerster called the meeting to order, the following members were present:

Pam Barnhill	Patsy Daniel	Bill Daniel
David Barnhill	David Alcala	

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

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

Board reorganization was discussed. Ms. Foerster notified the Board that officials from the City are not in favor of adding members to the Board at this time. Ms. Foerster stated that Ms. Donna Reiff, Resource Teacher at Cooper High School expressed her interest in attending the next Board meeting. Ms. Foerster approached the Board regarding changing the frequency of the Board meetings to every two (2) months instead of quarterly meetings. Board meetings will continue to occur on the second Wednesday of the scheduled months. The members present were in agreement with the recommended change in frequency of the Board meetings.

Ms. Foerster reported to the Board the local Texas Department of Transportation has requested that CityLink revise the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Plan. CityLink Transit's initial ADA Plan was written in January 1993. In 1995, the annual revision was submitted to the federal government who then approved and found CityLink Transit to be in full compliance with the Act. Ms. Foerster informed the Board that updating the Plan requires a public hearing and approval by City Council. Ms. Foerster stated the public hearing was to occur later today, but was not able to be scheduled. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2006 at 2pm. The revised ADA Plan, after receiving public comment, will be submitted to City Council at the next council meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2006 beginning at 8:30am. Ms. Foerster discussed with the Board items within the existing ADA Plan that requires updating. By consensus, the Board members present were in agreement the CityLink Transit ADA Plan needs updating. Mrs. Daniel indicated she will attempt to attend the public hearing. Mr. and Mrs. Barnhill stated they will plan to attend the City Council meeting.

Ms. Foerster discussed other issues with the Board. CityLink Transit's grant from the Federal Transit Administration was cut by \$20,000. CityLink's vinyl bus advertising program should be ready soon. The new fare box specifications should go out for bid by the end of the summer 2006 which are asking for 'smart card' capability. CityLink is in the process of attempting to purchase two lots south of the existing CityLink property in order to allow for additional parking of transit vehicles. CityLink Transit donated the fixed route fare revenue received on January 6, 2006 in the amount of \$511.35 to the Cross Plains, TX fire victim's relief effort coordinated by the local chapter of the Red Cross. Ms. Foerster explained that she met with Congressman

Neugebauer on January 9, 2006 to request additional congressional earmark funds (Job Access Reverse Commute-JARC) to continue operating the Evening Service and to begin operating limited work-related demand response service on Sundays and to purchase heavy-duty para-transit vans.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

The minutes approved this _____ day of _____.

Chairperson, CityLink ADA Advisory Board