

MINUTES OF THE JULY 12, 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 Wednesday, July 12, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. Brigitte Lett – Board Chairperson called the meeting to order, the following members were present:

Brigitte Lett	Pam Barnhill
David Barnhill	David Alcala

Also present and attending the meeting was: Brad Patrick, New General Manager, and Bobby Sharpe, Special Services Administrator.

Members not present include: James Shepard, Shirley Hudson, Patsy Daniel, Bill Daniel, Donna Reiff.

Board reorganization was discussed. Mr. Sharpe informed the Board Mrs. Pam Barnhill and Mr. David Alcala were administered the Oath of Office reappointing them to this Board. Mr. Sharpe stated that Ms. Shirley Hudson and Ms. Donna Reiff will be given the Oath of Office at the next meeting they are in attendance.

Mr. Sharpe introduced new CityLink General Manager, Brad Patrick to the Board.

Mr. Sharpe informed the Board CityLink has been awarded CDBG funding for FY 2007 for the Evening Service in the amount of \$41,820. Mr. Sharpe conveyed to the Board CityLink has not received any information concerning the request of earmarked funds from Congressman Neugebauer to purchase additional vans.

Mr. Sharpe reported to the Board CityLink's Evening Service ridership for the month of June 2006 has decreased over 3% as compared to the current month last year. Ridership for this fiscal year to date has increased over 1% from last year. Revenue for the current month has decreased by over 12%, compared to this month last year but the revenue for the fiscal year to date has increased almost 8%.

Mr. Sharpe discussed with the Board CityLink's ridership statistics covering the seventh month, June 2006, of the fiscal year 2006. Fixed route ridership for the current month has increased by over 2% compared to this month last year, reporting 39,617 passengers during the month of June 2006. Passenger revenue for fiscal year to date has increased over 3% as compared to fiscal year to date last year. Demand response passenger trips equaled 7,192 for the month of June 2006, a decrease of over 14% as compared to June 2005. However, demand response ridership for the fiscal year to date has increased by over 3% compared to 2005. Passenger trips for the fiscal year to date totals 69,899 whereas fiscal year to date last year was 67,724. Revenues for June 2006 were \$6,488 and revenues from June 2005 were \$5,789, which is an increase of over 12%. Revenue for fiscal year to date is up over 14% as compared to last fiscal year to date. Evening service ridership has decreased by over 3% showing 1,383 passenger trips for the month of June 2006 as compared to 1,437 passenger trips for the month of June 2005 but has shown an increase

for fiscal year to date of 1%. Revenue for June 2006 was \$1,293 and revenue for June 2005 was \$1,473, which is a decrease of over 12%. Revenue for the fiscal year to date has increased by almost 8% compared to last year.

Mr. Sharpe gave a status report of CityLink's Charter Service. For the month June 2006, CityLink's Charter Service had 31 passengers compared to June 2005 which had 401 passengers.

Mr. Sharpe explained to the Board the status of the Capital Vehicle Replacement Program. The pre-production meeting with Lassiter Bus and Mobility occurred in California recently for 6 buses. CityLink should receive the new buses around 330 days.

Mr. Sharpe notified the Board CityLink's staffing issues have been resolved by the hiring of additional drivers and a mechanic. The issue of air conditioning on the buses was asked. Mr. Sharpe reported CityLink has used an air conditioning specialist from Citibus in Lubbock to assist in the repairs of the air conditioning systems in question.

Mr. Sharpe reported to the Board CityLink deferred the purchase of mobile data terminals for our vehicles due to budget constraints. Repairs to the passenger lobby and the back wall of the CityLink shop have also been put on hold indefinitely.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnhill informed the Board they continue to receive calls and complaints from CityLink passengers. One issue concerns a passenger wanting to ride on S. 14th was informed that the bus didn't have an extra set of tie down straps and that there was another person on the bus using a wheelchair as a mobility device. The other issue involves bus drivers dropping the ramps instead of laying the ramps out. Dropping the ramps cause a loud, unpleasant noise and damages the ramp. Mr. Patrick stated that he would address both issues with the Maintenance and Operations staff immediately.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

The minutes approved this _____ day of _____.

Chairperson, CityLink ADA Advisory Board

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