

## **MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2007, 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, October 10, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. Brigitte Lett – Board Chairperson called the meeting to order, the following members were present:

Brigitte Lett                      James Shepard                      David Alcalá

Also present and attending the meeting was: Debra Turner, Passenger, Brad Patrick, General Manager, and Bobby Sharpe, Special Services Coordinator.

Members not present include: Shirley Hudson, Pam Barnhill, David Barnhill, Patsy Daniel, Bill Daniel, and Donna Reiff.

Mr. Sharpe reported to the Board CityLink's Evening Service ridership for the month of August 2007 has increased over 12% as compared to the current month last year. Revenue for the current month has decreased by over 20%, compared to this month last year.

Mr. Sharpe discussed with the Board CityLink's ridership statistics covering the eleventh month, August 2007, of the fiscal year 2007. Fixed route ridership for the current month has increased by over 3% compared to this month last year, reporting 44,598 passengers during the month of August 2007. Demand response passenger trips equaled 8,369 for the month of August 2007, a decrease of almost 3% as compared to August 2006. Revenues for August 2007 were \$6,645 and revenues from August 2006 were \$8,007, which is a decrease of over 17%. Evening service ridership has increased by over 12% showing 1,957 passenger trips for the month of August 2007 as compared to 1,734 passenger trips for the month of August 2006. Revenue for August 2007 was \$1,871 and revenue for August 2006 was \$2,340, which is a decrease of over 20%.

Mr. Sharpe gave a status report of CityLink's Charter Service. For the month August 2007, CityLink's Charter Service had 54 passengers compared to August 2006 which had 278 passengers.

Mr. Patrick reviewed funding with the Board by supplying copies of a letter received from Lieutenant Governor, David Dewhurst, which stated that the State will be redirecting funding from a Transportation Construction project back to TxDOT. Another letter was distributed stating that the Senate Appropriations Committee via Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison who secured \$480,000 for CityLink Transit and is scheduled to be voted on by the full Senate. This funding will be used to upgrade para-transit vans. CityLink also has another \$200,000 of funding going through the process with the House of Representatives.

Mr. Patrick reported to the Board that CityLink assisted with evacuation efforts during the flood that occurred August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Staff evacuated 100 people and 5 pets. CityLink's efforts were noted on the front page of the Passenger Transport publication.

Mr. Patrick informed the Board that operator shortages are being addressed by training 5 new operators, 4 to our Demand Response service and 1 to Fixed Route operations.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

The minutes approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

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Chairperson, CityLink ADA Advisory Board