

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2009, 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, January 14, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. Brigitte Lett – Board Chairperson called the meeting to order, the following members were present:

Brigitte Lett
Pam Barnhill

Patsy Daniel
David Barnhill

Bill Daniel

Donna Reiff

Also present and attending the meeting was: Veronica Diaz, City of Abilene-Engineering, Debra Turner, passenger, Mary Kindrick, passenger, Mike VanderVoort, advocate, Brad Patrick, General Manager, and Bobby Sharpe, Special Services Coordinator.

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

Mr. Sharpe informed the Board the Oath of Office was administered to Donna Reiff as a reappointment to the Board

Mr. Sharpe reported to the Board CityLink's Evening Service ridership for the month of November 2008 has decreased over 20% as compared to the current month last year. Revenue for the current month has increased by over 10%, compared to this month last year.

Mr. Sharpe discussed with the Board CityLink's ridership statistics covering the second month, November 2008, of the fiscal year 2009. Fixed route ridership for the current month has decreased by over 10% compared to this month last year, reporting 34,570 passengers during the month of November 2008. Demand response passenger trips equaled 6,618 for the month of November 2008, a decrease of almost 1% as compared to November 2007. Revenues for November 2008 were \$9,216 and revenues from November 2007 were \$6,161, which is an increase of over 49%. Evening service ridership has decreased by over 20% showing 1,402 passenger trips for the month of November 2008 as compared to 1,768 passenger trips for the month of November 2007. Revenue for November 2008 was \$3,009 and revenue for November 2007 was \$2,734, which is an increase of over 10%.

Mr. Sharpe gave a status report of CityLink's Charter Service. For the month November 2008, no passengers used the Charter Service compared to November 2007 199 passengers which reflects a decrease of 100%.

Mr. Patrick reviewed funding with the Board. With the new president yet to be inaugurated, federal funding is undetermined with possible shortfalls compared to last year. On October 30, 2008, CityLink received a Transportation Development Credit (TDC) award of \$73,000

Mr. Patrick reported to the Board the status of vehicle replacement. Mr. Patrick, Mr. Sharpe, and Kurt Hurick, Lead Mechanic toured facilities in the metroplex on January 13th to view and compare different para-transit van options in order to assist in determining the best vehicles to meet the needs of CityLink and its passengers. Within the coming months, CityLink will begin

the Request for Proposal/Procurement process for 4 para-transit vans. The 2 vans ordered through the “piggyback” procurement with Brazos Transit should arrive within the next few weeks. The 2 30ft low floor buses were ordered October 2008 and according to Eldorado National, manufacturer, they should arrive in August 2009. CityLink continues to look at Dodge Sprinter vans as an option for para-transit vans.

Veronica Diaz with the City of Abilene’s Engineering Department informed the Board that the City is planning to spend \$150,000 for curb cuts and ramps on city curbs and intersections. This will be split into 2 projects with the first portion starting in the Spring 2009 and the second portion beginning in the Winter 2009. Ms. Diaz asked for locations that are in need of these improvements. Board members are in preparation of these locations.

Ms. Kindrick and Mr. VanderVoort requested CityLink provide a detailed directional map for the visually impaired once the new routes are in place. Another request was made for CityLink to consider some type of Braille markings on bus stop sign posts.

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