

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8, 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, April 8, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. Brigitte Lett – Board Chairperson called the meeting to order, the following members were present:

Brigitte Lett

Donna Reiff

James Shepard

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

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

Mr. Sharpe informed the Board that four Board members have terms expiring this spring. These four members have agreed to continue to serve on the Board. These reappointments will be presented to the City Council in May 2008.

Mr. Sharpe reported to the Board CityLink's Evening Service ridership for the month of January 2009 has decreased over 5% as compared to the current month last year. Revenue for the current month has decreased by over 16%, compared to this month last year.

Mr. Sharpe discussed with the Board CityLink's ridership statistics covering the fourth month, January 2009, of the fiscal year 2009. Fixed route ridership for the current month has decreased by over 13% compared to this month last year, reporting 37,027 passengers during the month of January 2009. Demand response passenger trips equaled 7,179 for the month of January 2009, an increase of over 1% as compared to January 2008. Revenues for January 2009 were \$9,230 and revenues from January 2008 were \$7,983, which is an increase of over 15%. Evening service ridership has decreased by over 5% showing 15232 passenger trips for the month of January 2009 as compared to 1,618 passenger trips for the month of January 2008. Revenue for January 2009 was \$2,307 and revenue for January 2008 was \$2,747, which is a decrease of over 16%.

Mr. Sharpe gave a status report of CityLink's Charter Service. For the month January 2009, 457 passengers used the Charter Service compared to January 2008 when no passengers were transported.

Mr. Patrick reviewed funding with the Board. The annual CDBG grant application for \$60,000 was just completed and will be forwarded to the Neighborhood Services office for review. President Obama has established the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. This federal funding comes at 100% for projects requiring no local match funding. The City of Abilene/CityLink Transit will receive appropriations of \$2,057,460. These funds will be used to fund the following projects: 4 new 30 ft buses, 5 Type III para transit vans, rehabilitation of the transfer facility, replace the shop truck, 2 sedans to replace 2 support vehicles, upgrade facility surveillance, bus stop improvements-shelters/slabs, and training/breakroom equipment.

The Board also discussed the possibility of Braille bus stop indicators and available funding sources.

Mr. Patrick reported to the Board the status of vehicle replacement. Mr. Patrick informed the 2 vans ordered through the “piggyback” procurement with Brazos Transit have been delayed due to Ford Motor Company cutting back on production of chassis for these type vehicles. The 2 30ft low floor buses that were ordered October 2008 should arrive in August 2009. There are no delays anticipated with this bus delivery. CityLink continues to wait for TxDOT funding for Dodge Sprinter vans as an option for para-transit vans.

Mr. Patrick notified the Board CityLink held its annual Bus and Van Roadeo competition on March 8, 2009. The first place finishers in each category will represent the agency in the State Roadeo in May 2009.

Mr. Patrick introduced Debra McMaster as CityLink’s new Office Manager.

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