

## **MINUTES OF THE JULY 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, July 8, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. Brigitte Lett – Board Chairperson, was not present at the meeting. Bobby Sharpe, Special Services Coordinator, called the meeting to order, the following members were present:

David Alcalá  
Patsy Daniel

David Barnhill  
Bill Daniel

Pam Barnhill

Also present and attending the meeting was: Bobby Sharpe, Special Services Coordinator.

Brad Patrick, General Manager, was not in attendance.

Members not present include: Brigitte Lett, James Shepard, Debra Turner, and Donna Reiff.

Mr. Sharpe informed the Board the Oath of Office was administered to the following Board members being reappointed to the Board: Bill Daniel, David Alcalá, and Pam Barnhill. Newly appointed member, Debra Turner was not in attendance today but will be sworn in at a later date.

Mr. Sharpe reported to the Board CityLink's Evening Service ridership for the month of May 2009 has decreased over 9% as compared to the current month last year. Revenue for the current month has decreased by over 38%, compared to this month last year.

Mr. Sharpe discussed with the Board CityLink's ridership statistics covering the eighth month, May 2009, of the fiscal year 2009. Fixed route ridership for the current month has decreased by over 6% compared to this month last year, reporting 38,317 passengers during the month of May 2009. Demand response passenger trips equaled 6,564 for the month of May 2009, a decrease of over 5% as compared to May 2008. Revenues for May 2009 were \$8,078 and revenues from May 2008 were \$9,659 which is a decrease of over 16%. Evening service ridership has decreased by over 9% showing 1,534 passenger trips for the month of May 2009 as compared to 1,699 passenger trips for the month of May 2008. Revenue for May 2009 was \$1,756 and revenue for May 2008 was \$2,855, which is a decrease of over 38%.

Mr. Sharpe gave a status report of CityLink's Charter Service. For the month May 2009, 921 passengers used the Charter Service compared to May 2008 54 passengers which shows a drastic increase.

Mr. Sharpe reviewed funding with the Board. In May, CityLink received the second part of the TxDOT 5310 funding for \$33,000 totaling \$62,000, which has been designated to purchase the Dodge Sprinter van. Other funding received is as follows: TxDOT 5307 funding \$364,000 which is \$11,000 less than budgeted, FTA allocation for 5307 Operating, Planning Capital in the amount of \$1.6 million, and CDBG funding in the amount of \$40,000.

Mr. Sharpe reported to the Board the status of vehicle replacement. Mr. Sharpe informed the 2 30ft low floor buses that were ordered October 2008 have been received and put into service June 2009. The 2 vans ordered through the “piggyback” procurement with Brazos Transit have been received and put into service early July 2009. Under the ARRA stimulus funding, 4 30 ft low floor buses have been ordered for a total cost of \$1.12 million. Within the next month, CityLink will begin the procurement process for purchase of para-transit vans. Depending on the price and options, the number of vans to be purchased will be determined at a later date. CityLink is expecting delivery date for the vans to be early spring of 2010.

CityLink held a public hearing on June 16, 2009 to address comments for the proposed changes in the fixed route system. Tentative date for implementing the new fixed routes is October 5, 2009. The City of Abilene has been discussing the feasibility of a new multi modal facility to operate as a transportation hub for CityLink, rural transit providers, and inter city bus. The beginning stages of the project would call for applications for grants to fund a feasibility study for possible sites for the facility. CityLink recently completed a project to upgrade and replace our waste oil collection system to ensure continued compliance with TCEQ regulations. The total cost of the project was \$6,000. The Trolley wood replacement project was completed last week.

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

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

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Chairperson, CityLink ADA Advisory Board