

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

Brigitte Lett	Debra Turner	James Shepard	Bill Daniel
Patsy Daniel	Pam Barnhill	David Barnhill	

Also present and attending the meeting was: Mary Kindrick, passenger, Mike Vandervoort, advocate, Debra McMaster, Office Manager, Brad Patrick, General Manager, and Bobby Sharpe, Special Services Coordinator.

Members not present include: David Alcala and Donna Reiff.

Mr. Sharpe informed the Board that newly appointed Board member, Debra Turner, was administered the Oath of Office prior to today's meeting.

Mr. Sharpe reported to the Board CityLink's Evening Service ridership for the month of September 2009 has decreased over 15% as compared to the current month last year. Revenue for the current month has decreased by over 4%, compared to this month last year.

Mr. Sharpe discussed with the Board CityLink's ridership statistics covering the twelfth month, September 2009, of the fiscal year 2009. Fixed route ridership for the current month has increased by over 8% compared to this month last year, reporting 43,766 passengers during the month of September 2009. Demand response passenger trips equaled 7,310 for the month of September 2009, a decrease of .29% as compared to September 2008. Revenues for September 2009 were \$9,896 and revenues from September 2008 were \$9,079, which is an increase of 9%. Evening service ridership has decreased by over 15% showing 1,425 passenger trips for the month of September 2009 as compared to 1,683 passenger trips for the month of September 2008. Revenue for September 2009 was \$2,304 and revenue for Sept 2008 was \$2,405, which is a decrease of over 4%.

Mr. Sharpe gave a status report of CityLink's Charter Service. For the month September 2009, no Charter Service was used which was the same for September 2008.

Mr. Patrick reviewed funding with the Board. CityLink is pursuing funding through TxDOT's Coordinated Call for Projects which will include continuation of the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) program in the amount of \$133,000 per year over the next 3 years for a total of \$400,000. The next project will fund the automated ADA annunciator's that will provide landmark alerts along the fixed routes via GPS. The third and fourth projects will occur simultaneously to provide a transit navigation video and electronic equipment to accomplish this. The fifth project will provide \$110,000 for a feasibility study in support of a multi-modal facility. The City of Abilene has submitted a request for a congressional earmark for FY 2010

in the amount of \$9 million for the facility. The final project calls the production and printing of new fixed route maps.

Mr. Patrick reported to the Board the status of capital projects for FY 2010. CityLink has decided to forego the purchase of a Dodge Sprinter van as previously discussed due to changes in the Chrysler Corporation. The Dodge Sprinter vans are being manufactured by Mercedes Benz now and CityLink feels that this purchase would result in a negative perception from the public. CityLink will be pursuing the purchase of a Type II para-transit van similar to the Type III vans we currently operate only smaller in size. Another project for FY 10 will be the purchase of a replacement mobile fare collection vault as the current vault has been utilized for several years and is becoming more unreliable. Other projects include: replacement of wheelchair lifts in the trolleys, 2 additional fare boxes, 8 bicycle racks for the fixed route buses, equipment for the CityLink maintenance shop ie. hose reel assemblies with hose end counters for the fluids, new bus head signs, 400 Braille bus stop indicators, and a text to speech software program.

Mr. Patrick informed the Board the status of the projects funded by the ARRA Stimulus program. The surveillance camera system project has been approved by the City of Abilene. The transfer lane rehab project will include new benches, repaving the sidewalks, and will provide new signage for the routes. Another project that is in the beginning stages is 6 new passenger bus shelters. The 4 new buses have been ordered and are scheduled to arrive August 2010. By combining funding from the ARRA Stimulus grant and funding from a congressional earmark, CityLink has ordered 13 new Type III para transit vans with a delivery date being estimated at March 2010.

Mr. Patrick relayed to the Board the City of Abilene has approved the implementation of the new fixed routes which will begin January 4th 2010.

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