

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 14, 2010, 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 14, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. Brigitte Lett – Board Chairperson called the meeting to order, the following members were present:

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

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

Mr. Sharpe informed the Board no new items under Board Reorganization is to be discussed at this time however, the reappointment of Board positions for Debra Turner and James Shepard is currently being reviewed the City Council and if approved, they will be sworn in prior to the next scheduled meeting.

Mr. Sharpe reported to the Board CityLink's Evening Service ridership for the month of March 2010 has decreased over 15% as compared to the current month last year. Revenue for the current month has decreased by over 39%, compared to this month last year.

Mr. Sharpe discussed with the Board CityLink's ridership statistics covering the sixth month, March 2010, of the fiscal year 2010. Fixed route ridership for the current month has decreased by less than 1% compared to this month last year, reporting 36,838 passengers during the month of March 2010. Demand response passenger trips equaled 7,932 for the month of March 2010, an increase of over 7% as compared to March 2009. Revenues for March 2010 were \$9,586 and revenues from March 2009 were \$9,383, which is an increase of 2%. Evening service ridership has decreased by over 15% showing 1,345 passenger trips for the month of March 2010 as compared to 1,590 passenger trips for the month of March 2009. Revenue for March 2010 was \$2,242 and revenue for March 2009 was \$3,706, which is a decrease of over 39%.

Mr. Sharpe gave a status report of CityLink's Charter Service. For the month March 2010, 47 passengers used the Charter Service compared to March 2009 with 131 passengers which shows a decrease of over 64%.

Mr. Patrick reviewed funding with the Board. The Jobs on Main Street Act referred to as "Stimulus II" is not likely to be passed however in February the Jobs bill did pass but made no indication of any stimulus funds attached to the bill. Late February 2010, the City of Abilene on behalf of CityLink submitted a Congressional Earmark Request that included \$20,000 in bus stop improvements, and \$380,000 in building improvements. If approved through the House and Senate, the local share amount would be \$80,000.

CityLink received information concerning the grant proposals for funding through TxDOT's Coordinated Call for Projects which included continuation of the Job Access Reverse Commute

(JARC) program in the amount of \$420,000 over the next 3 years. The New Freedom project will fund the automated ADA annunciator's for \$150,000. The Intercity Bus project will provide a transit navigation video and fixed route maps with regional transportation contact information included for \$21,500. The State Planning project will provide \$110,000 for a feasibility study in support of an Intermodal facility. The grant award has been approved for two of the four funding areas which are the New Freedom request of \$150,000 for ADA enunciators, which require no local match and the JARC request of \$420,000 over three years for the continuation of CityLink's Evening Service. The remaining two grant requests have not been reviewed at this time. The Senate has passed HB 2847 extending SAFETEA-LU until 12/31/2010.

Mr. Patrick discussed with the Board the status of vehicle replacement. As of March 2010, CityLink received all thirteen new gasoline powered para-transit vans. The four new 30' low-floor buses continue to have an expected delivery date of August 2010. At the 4/8/2010 meeting, City Council has approved the purchase of a Type II para-transit van similar to the Type III vans CityLink currently operates only smaller in size. Additional match funding was approved by TxDOT through 5310 grant which means no cost to the City of Abilene for this vehicle. Expected delivery date is September/October 2010.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

The minutes approved this _____ day of _____.

Chairperson, CityLink ADA Advisory Board