

Pueblo and PACOG ADA Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
October 6, 2022

Present: Chris Kringle, CitiLift; Kent Thompkins, Pueblo Transit; Don Bruestle, member; Tiffany Garcia, DVR; Lauram Leyba, Deb Macilroy

Meeting called to order at 1:11 with technical difficulties.

No representative from the city present.

Transit: Kent Thompkins

The Ride Free promotion for August was successful. There was an increase in ridership of 58% with CitiLift at 17%. This was a new grant that passed through the state for clean air. Zero Fare for Cleaner Air. There may be some increase in ridership, but the figures aren't out yet. We don't know if we have met pre-COVID levels in ridership. There were reports from people who were new to town and might continue to ride.

It is very difficult to get bus drivers. We are still employing and have good candidates. We are looking in to building a new facility which we need for more buses. We have 2 hybrids on order and from then on it will be all electric.

CitiLift is getting new riders all the time. Bluesky no longer offers transportation to its adult day care. Deb asked about calling 2 days before the ride. Nine buses are just doing dedicated service. Communication among these businesses and transportation would be useful. It now pays 15.50 to start.

Ben Valdez is working on the necessary (Intergovernmental Agreement) IG to get transportation out to the airport. Right now they are working on a van pool agreement. Don Bruestle is very concerned about this because there are people who need the jobs. The same is true of people who need to get to child care. It's not clear where that process is.

We might approach the city and county about the RTA again once we have the example of the airport.

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