

PUEBLO TRANSIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
May 28, 2024 – 10:30 a.m.
Mayor’s Conference Room, 1 City Hall Place

Present: Heather Graham, Mayor – Vice-President
Andrew Hayes, Director of Public Works - President
Ben Valdez, Transit Director
Liz Sexton Drake, Assistant City Attorney
Alexandria Romero, Director of Finance
Chuck Lopez, Transit Operations Supervisor
Brian McCain, Chief of Staff
Bella Trujillo, Assistant Director of Human Resources
Alyssa Parga, Alternate Recording Secretary

Mayor Graham opened the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 27, 2024, Pueblo Transit Board meeting. Ms. Romero moved to approve the minutes. Mayor Graham seconded. Motion carried.

The group discussed the latest Transit Pass donations requests. The first was from Colorado Treatment Services for a total of 60 passes. The second was from Cooperative Care which requested discounted passes but would still be a purchase of \$5,000. Mr. Valdez said these passes would be able to be used before we go to a fare free model. Mayor Graham moved to approve the requests. Ms. Romero seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Valdez mentioned that Transit is close to finalizing the agreement with the company working on the App for mobile services.

Mr. Valdez discussed the State Fair contract, which does not require any funding from the City as it will all be covered by the ARP grant. Mr. Hayes is approved to sign the contract.

Mr. Valdez and Ms. Trujillo shared that the Transit Contract negotiations are on hold until September. They are hoping to continue a 2 or 3-year contract. HR is pulling data for 12 different salary scenarios. The new contract will have a lot of clean up, most benefit the Transit employees. A third-party lawyer has been hired to do this work since Law Department is behind.

Mr. Valdez shared that Transit has \$297,000 from ARPA which is already a planned spend. Mr. Valdez and Ms. Romero are working out facility repairs; they’ll have to use an outside tracker for federal grant reimbursement.

Mr. Valdez shared that the Town Halls have begun for the additional routes. The first town hall had 5 people and the second town hall had 1 person. The last town hall will be tomorrow.

Other updates included that buses are staying off Northern during paving operations. Anticipated solar lighting will be installed at the bus stops. The MMOF is ready to bid, the funds state that we must hire a contractor to install the lights. RAISE grant is close to starting on the West Side project and is just waiting on a final IGA. The area behind the Val U Stay is a property of interest. We would need two appraisals to qualify for the \$2.1 M of federal funding. We are #46 on CDOT's priority list.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

By:  _____
Alyssa Parga
Alternate Recording Secretary