

**PUEBLO TRANSIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 4, 2024 – 1:00 p.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  
Danny Nunn, Interim Finance Director  
Chuck Lopez, Transit Operations Supervisor  
Tracey Sample, Recording Secretary  
Marisa Pacheco, Human Resources Director

Mr. Hayes opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the September 4, 2024 Pueblo Transit Board meeting. Mr. Hayes moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes. Mayor Graham seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Valdez informed the board of his interest in establishing a Vets Ride Free Program. Pueblo is the only Colorado city to charge veterans for bus transportation. There will be an application process for proof of veteran status. They will be issued a hard card pass. The program will most likely not start until the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2025. Mayor Graham motioned to approve. Mr. Hayes seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Valdez provided the board with a request for an adjustment to the agreement with MV for Citi Lift maintenance. The request from Tim McCann, MV Vice President, is for Pueblo Transit to take over repair costs for both tires and windshields on their vans. Tire repairs average \$7,500-\$7,800/year and windshields average \$2,500/year. The benefit for Pueblo Transit to assist is additional service availability from MV. After discussion, Mr. Hayes motioned to approve. Mayor Graham seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Valdez and Mr. Lopez presented the board with a proposed fee increase schedule. Fares have not increased in 10 years. After review and discussion, the board determined that they are not ready to discuss increases with City Council at this time.

Mr. Valdez provided the board with the proposed annual increase for the Non-Union Pueblo Transit staff providing 2.8% increase which is in line with the union negotiated amounts. The exception is the Transit Maintenance Facilities Supervisor which would require a 6.6% increase to account for compression. Mayor Graham motioned to approve. Mr. Hayes seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Valdez presented the board with a request from Goodwill Colorado for a donation of passes for their clients without alternate modes of transportation. Mr. Hayes motioned to approve. Mayor Graham seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Valdez informed the board that they are working with CSU Pueblo to relocate one bus stop to better accommodate the students. That will be completed soon. Mr. Valdez also informed them of plans to make some route changes to better accommodate the Salt Creek area.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

By:



Tracey Sample

Recording Secretary