

TRANSIT SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Summary
Thursday July 9, 2015

PRESENT: Scott Jernigan, Charlotte
D. Evans, Charlotte
Walter Horstman, Matthews
Michael Warner, Charlotte
Christine Bryant, Huntersville
Anthony Wesley, Charlotte

STAFF: Larry Kopf, Pamela White, Debra Franklin, Wanda Braswell, Duretta Weicken,
Tom Reynolds, Jason Lawrence, Robert Cerrato, Wanda Braswell, Kim Taylor

Meeting Time 4:00-5:30 PM

I. Call to Order and Approval of the May Meeting Summary

Chairman Scott Jernigan called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.,
The May meeting summary was approved as written.
The committee voted and elected Anthony Wesley as Co-Chairman of TSAC

II. Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There was no one from the public at the meeting to give comment.

III. Information Items:

A. City LYNX Gold Line Invitation

Kim Taylor of CATS Marketing invited the Transit Services Advisory Committee to the City LYNX Gold Line Grand Opening and ribbon cutting Ceremony on July 14, 2015 at 10 A.M. at the Time Warner Cable Arena outside across from the Transit Center in the patio area. Each committee member received an invitation and the City LYNX Gold line circular.

B. S.E. Corridor Alternative Analysis

Jason Lawrence CATS Development Long Range Transit Planner spoke to the committee about the long range planning of the S.E. Corridor LYNX Silver Line. Jason explained the study area which primarily goes out Central Avenue, Monroe road, the CSX rail corridor, then the study goes out Independence Avenue to the County line. Jason explained what the project is and what it is not, the background of the study and route recommendations. The study will define a rail fixed alignment, what is the best use of the corridor and land development strategies.

Anthony Wesley asked if the Rt. 58 would go down Polk Street to get back to the I-485 Station Jason explained the bus would go back to Park Road Extension and around to get to the I-485 station. Larry stated at Polk Street it is too congested and backs up at the light and the concerns are it would take too long to get through the area.

Walter explained that Independence doesn't support the businesses as it is right now. Jason stated with the three different projects on Independence, bus stops have had to be pulled and CATS knows it makes it very difficult but with the study we are hoping to be able to provide a closer commute to some of those businesses.

C. October Service Change

Robert Cerrato CATS Transportation Planner informed the committee of the proposed October Service changes.

The proposed Schedule adjustments to improve on-time performance are for Route 2 Ashley Park, 16 South Tryon, 19 Park Road, 20 Sharon Road, 22 Graham Street, 30 Woodlawn Crosstown, 51 Pineville Matthews Road, 52X Idlewild Road Express, 77X North Meck and Gold Rush

The proposed routing adjustments are for Route 1 Mount Holly, 34 Freedom Drive, 39 Eastway Drive, 41X Steele Creek Express, 56 Arrowood, and 88X Mt. Island Express.

Anthony Wesley asked if the customers on Rt.1 in Valleydale are walking a mile to get to the bus. Robert explained that customers are walking farther to get to the buses but streets and infrastructure are too tight for CATS buses to get into the neighborhood.

TSAC will vote to recommend or not to recommend to MTC on the proposed service changes at next month's meeting.

IV. Service Issues

Larry Kopf CATS Operations Manager reported that there will be a line cut to accommodate the BLE expansion project so a bus bridge will be implemented for customers from New Bern station to I-485 station all day Saturday & Sunday the weekend of July 25 & 26.

Walter Horstman asked if operators are able to control the marquees on the bus as he has seen a lot of the marquees that are wrong. Mr. Kopf stated he would see what we can do to correct the marquees. Mr. Tom Reynolds of CATS stated the old Gillig buses have an issue of water seeping into the marquees and causing malfunctions. CATS is trying to come up with a fix for this.

Christine Bryant reported that there was good feedback from customers when bus riders helped to inform other customers about the bus schedule on July 4th . Christine also wanted to know if there was any more information about the real time app. Larry Kopf stated he would check and report back to the committee.

V. Chairman's Report

Scott Jernigan reported the July 4th events were good.

VI. Manager of Operation Report

Larry Kopf CATS Transit Operations Manager stated the July 4 holiday was pretty quiet. The 4th street side of the CTC went smoothly. Tom Reynolds reported there were just a few delays due to the crowds after the fireworks.

Larry Kopf continued saying the search for CATS CEO will be announced soon.

Next TSAC MEETING: THURSDAY AUGUST 13, 2015