

Draft Minutes
The Dubuque Transit Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, April 14, 2022
4:30 pm-5:30 pm
Intermodal Conference Room
950 Elm Street, Dubuque, IA 52001

Transit Advisory Board Members:

- Robert Daughters, Chair LuAnna Gerdemann, Vice Chair Matt Esser
- Garrett Heidenreich Greg Orwoll

Others Present

- Ryan Knuckey
Director of Transportation Services
- Jodi Johnson
Operations Supervisor
- Russell Stecklein
Operations Supervisor
- Jacob Ironside
Transportation Analyst

1. Call to Order

The Dubuque Transit Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Esser, Chair at 4:29 pm.

2. Review/approve the agenda for the Thursday, April 14, 2022, Transit Advisory Board meeting

Motion by Daughters, second by Orwoll to approve agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Review/approve the minutes from the Thursday, February 10, 2022, Transit Advisory Board meeting

Motion by Orwoll, second by Daughters to approve the minutes from the February Transit Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

4. General Public Comments & Service Requests

There were no comments from the general public. Stecklein noted one issue from a Minibus rider where the bus was unable to reach their desired pickup point. An alternate pickup point was established for the rider. Orwoll mentioned hearing from teachers at Washington Middle School and their desire for improved bus shelters for students at the Midtown Transfer, notably during the winter months. Knuckey updated the board on The Jule's plan to purchase a battery electric bus for fixed route service. Knuckey also noted The Jule was currently working on a Low-Emission/No Emission grant application to purchase additional electric buses along with charging infrastructure and solar panels for the rooftop of the JOTC. Esser inquired about the recently purchased Gillig buses and when they will begin service. Knuckey stated the new buses would go into service sometime in June.

7. Ridership Report

Ironside provided ridership numbers for July through March of the current fiscal year FY 2022.

8. Board Comments

Esser suggested additional training for fixed route bus drivers on how to properly load and secure passengers in mobility devices on the bus. Daughters inquired about any plans to reinstate the Nightrider service as well as expand fixed route service back to 9:00 PM. Stecklein stated there currently is no funding to bring the Nightrider service. Stecklein also cited a shortage of available drivers and a possible lack of demand as reasons evening service has not been restored.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Daughters to adjourn, second by Orwoll. The meeting adjourned at 5:23pm

Respectfully submitted,

These minutes passed, approved and adopted on this 8th day of September 2022.

Matt Esser, Chair
Dubuque Transit Advisory Board