TOWN OF PAYSON

TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

HELD: Wednesday, July 26, 2023, 12:00 PM at Council Chambers, Payson Town Hall

***The Transit Advisory Committee reserves the right to consider any matter out of sequence.***

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Dee Bowling \_\_\_\_, Joanne Conlin \_ \_\_\_, Zeena Gagnon \_\_\_\_, James Menlove \_\_, Margaret Mackenzie \_\_\_, Chuck Proudfoot \_\_\_, Maurine Simmons \_
4. Introductions of Town Staff and Transit Advisory Committee Members
   1. Town Staff Present: Lisa Lipinski – Tourism & Public Works Coordinator

Juanita Coghill – Transit Coordinator

Christine Smith – Deputy Town Manager

1. Lisa Lipinski, Town Staff Shared Ridership of Beeline Bus Transit System for June 2023:
   1. Free Ride Friday held on, May 19, 2023 - Blue Route 20 Red Route 30 Total of 50
   2. Free Ride Friday held on, June 14, 2023 - Blue Route 25 Red Route 16 Total of 41
   3. Total of 5,207 riders for last calendar year, spanning from January 2022 through December 2022 with the Payson Senior Center
   4. Total for current year spanning from January 2,431 riders through June 2023 with the Town of Payson as the current provider of the local transit service.
2. Current public outreach, events, and feedback: Beeline Bus staff had an informational booth

at Green Valley Park at the Summer Concert Series on Saturday, July 15th, 2023, which

included a ‘spin the wheel’ for prizes such as a: Beeline Bus keychains, magnets, stickers &

more. At the informational booth the new brochures for Beeline Bus were on hand with the

current route guides, it was a very successful public outreach at one of the most cherished local

summer events in Payson.

1. Election of Officers:

Chair - Chuck Proudfoot, nominated by Joanne Conlin – passed unanimously.

Vice Chair - Joanne Conlin, nominated by Dee Bowling – passed unanimously.

1. Selected the following meeting dates for remainder of calendar year 2023:
   1. **August 23rd, 2023 at 10:00 AM**
   2. **September 20th, 2023 at 10:00 AM**
   3. November 15th, 2023 at 10:00 AM (Town Staff has been advised Counsel Chambers not available).

General Discussion with TAC members:

The purpose of the TAC as stated by Town Staff is to discuss shelters, bus stops and hear feedback on any concerns the public has and to get the best impression on the Beeline Bus transit service provided by the Town of Payson.

TAC Chair asked for updates on current street improvements associated with the 5339 ADOT Grant funding and who took over Trevor Fleetham’s place for this project. Town Staff advised the committee that Town of Payson Engineer Larry Halberstadt currently oversees the public works improvement planning and is currently overseeing the bus shelters and street improvements related to the grant funding. Town Staff will verify if the Town Engineer is available for the next TAC meeting. Chair requested further discussion on the shelters and street repairs grant, on especially McLane Road is needed. Town staff will add discussion of this topic on the next agenda meeting for August 23, 2023.

Town Staff shared the new bus funded by the 5311 ADOT Grant is back on track and is expected to be delivered in mid-September. Town Staff is hoping to have the new bus on the road in time for the next Beeline Bus Free Ride Friday planned for September. The new bus will be used for the Blue Route.

James Menlove provided an update about the approval of the Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (IPTA). All 7 organization entities are approved for the IPTA. Gila County is currently assessing American Multinational Infrastructure Consulting firm (AECOM) as a possible option for providing the interim IPTA Regional Director. James Menlove expressed the Gila County’s gratitude to the Town of Payson for taking on the operations of the Beeline Bus to continue this public transit service.

Marine Simmons stated she appreciates the Beeline Bus, that she is so glad and appreciates the drivers. She stated she will continue to ride the bus because it’s so convenient.

Town Staff asked if there are any other comments, questions, or concerns currently.

Per Deputy Town Manager, Christine Smith and TAC Chair Chuck Proudfoot any future agenda items, or discussion points should be communicated to the Chair or Vice Chair know ahead of time. James Menlove recommended to Town Staff that a ‘roundtable’, or ‘information sharing’ is added as an agenda item.

Chair Chuck Proudfoot stated TAC will be looking at rideshare activity and ask for Beeline Bus riders for input, such as, look at customer satisfaction surveys and be on the look our for possible grant opportunities.

1. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m. by Chair, Chuck Proudfoot.

Minutes approved by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Chuck Proudfoot - Chair Date

Minutes approved by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Lisa Lipinski – Town Staff Date

Tourism & Public Works Coordinator