



SALEM CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC TRANSIT COMMITTEE
August 14, 2018
Traffic Control Center Conference Room 325
MEETING NOTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

James Alderson
Ian Davidson
Rebekah Engle
Chris Hoy, Councilor
Jim Lewis, Councilor
Steve McCoid, Councilor (Chair)
Allan Pollock
Cy Smith
Joshua Taverne
Nick Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chuck Bennett, Mayor
Cristina Marquez-Guerrero
Sadie Carney
Cesar Ibarra
Meg Rowe

STAFF PRESENT

Julie Warncke
Suzanne Studer

PRESENT

Colleen Busch

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Steve McCoid called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and asked for a roll call.

2. POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

Julie Warncke presented the Draft Recommendations document based on the discussion and amendments of categories A-F from the June 12, 2018 meeting.

Under the discussion of elements to be considered in reviewing the Smart Commuter Program, the Committee amended the first bullet to read, *Participate in Cherriots Employer Pass Program*; amended the sixth bullet to read, *Review cost of employee parking to align with market rates as an incentive to use alternate modes of travel*; and added a new bullet item *Designate Employee Transportation Coordinator(s) to serve as point of contact with Cherriots*.

Under the discussion of transit-supportive considerations, the first bullet was amended to read, *Identify maximum spacing for providing pedestrian crossings on higher volume and/or higher speed streets*. After considerable discussion, it was suggested that Committee members review the bulleted items and propose possible amendments, additions, detail or discussion. Any comments should be sent to Julie Warncke by Tuesday, September 4, 2018. The Committee also requested additional discussion of the importance of transit involvement in the update to the Comprehensive Plan, including that the update be viewed through the lens of Transit Oriented Development and that transit representatives be included on advisory committees for the update.

Under the discussion of improving transit travel times, the sentence was amended to read, Coordinate with Cherriots to identify and implement *policies and* projects to improve transit time reliability.

The Committee reviewed the remaining items in the “Other” category from the Barriers to Transit Matrix (originally discussed at meeting on June 12, 2018).

- The Committee agreed to add a recommendation that Council direct staff to evaluate feasibility of a downtown circulator.
- The Committee also discussed the role that the Mayor and City Council can play in supporting transit throughout the region. The Committee requested that the introduction to the recommendations include an overarching policy statement that the City support transit both within the City and the broader region.
- The remaining items were dismissed or covered under other sections.

3. NEXT STEPS

Julie will incorporate any comments received from the Committee and distribute a draft document prior to the next meeting. It is the intent of the Committee to bring the approved document to City Council in November 2018.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

5. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018.

Note:

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