

MINUTES
STARTRAN ADVISORY BOARD PUBLIC HEARING & MEETING
StarTran Conference Room 2
May 29, 2014

Members Present: Mike DeKalb, Jenni Lesoing-Lucs, Jason Hellbusch, Stephen Speicher, Linda Carter, Don Herz, Janet Goodman-Banks
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Mike Davis, Mike Weston, Glenn Knust, Brian Praeuner, Scott Tharnish, Suzanne Ideus, Connie Thoreson

I. PUBLIC HEARING

Notation of the open meetings law and patron conduct notice.

StarTran Advisory Board Chair, Mike DeKalb welcomed all in attendance to the Public Hearing, noting the topic of the hearing being the proposed service to UNL Innovation Campus.

Mike Davis summarized the proposed service which will begin August, 2015. There will be two routes connecting to Nebraska Innovation Campus (NIC); one connecting to City Campus (#23 NIC-City Campus) and another route connecting to East Campus (#22 NIC-East Campus). This proposed service will operate during the academic year from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. This is a contracted service between StarTran and UNL, similar to the existing inter-campus routes #24 & #25, in which all operating and capital costs associated with the proposed service will be covered per the negotiated contract.

Chair DeKalb opened the hearing for testimony, noting the ground rules.

No public comments were received.

Chair DeKalb closed the Public Hearing.

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A. Patrons to be Heard

None

B. Review/Action Items

- **April 24, 2014 StarTran Advisory Board Public Hearing & Meeting Minutes** - A motion for approval was made by Ms. Lesoing-Lucs and seconded by Ms. Carter to approve the 4/24/14 minutes as submitted. The 4/24/14 StarTran Advisory Board Minutes were approved 4-0 (Lesoing-Lucs, Carter, Hellbusch, and Herz all voted “aye”; DeKalb & Speicher abstaining having not been present, and Goodman-Banks not present).
- **UNL Innovation Campus Service** – Ms. Lesoing-Lucs noted the UNL Food Science classes will be held at the Innovation Campus and several hundred students are expected to attend. No changes are expected for the existing UNL routes. A motion for approval in favor of the proposed UNL Innovation Campus Service was made by Mr. Herz and seconded by Mr. Speicher. The vote was unanimous for approval 6-0 (Lesoing-Lucs, Carter, Speicher, DeKalb, Hellbusch, and Herz all voted “aye”; Goodman-Banks not present).

C. Operations Report

Mike Davis reviewed the Board Report noting the following...

- The Mayor’s press conference in which the five new CNG buses will be unveiled has been rescheduled to Friday, June 13th at 10:00 a.m. The press conference location is still to be determined. Advisory Board Members are all invited to this unveiling event, and will be informed when the location is decided. Four of these buses have been delivered. It was noted that these are the 5 buses for recently added UNL service, as older fleet has been utilized until these buses could be obtained.
- The route #54 route changes are in place and positive feedback has been received.
- Star Shuttle route changes will go into effect June 12th.
- The evening service ridership is fairly low with the highest ridership on Friday. This service will receive more promotion with arena events increasing. The service operates to 12:30 a.m. and will end July 14th.
- UNL ridership increased from April 2013 to April 2014 by 11%.
- LPS booster and deviated service carried an average of 1,135 students per school day.
- Gold’s fence is in progress with the bid process closing May 30th.
- HandiVan service under the new contract had initial concerns which have been addressed and corrected. The service is now operating smoothly.

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There was clarification made that the five new 35' CNG buses fulfill the current UNL contracted service expectation, and four additional buses will be appropriated for the proposed 2015 UNL Innovation Campus service. It was also noted that the CNG buses are generally quieter than the current fleet, and training will begin next month, for the bus operators

D. Other Business

- **New CNG Bus Unveiling**

Details discussed in section C. Operations Report.

E. Patrons to be Heard

None

G. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2014, 8:00 a.m. in the StarTran Conference Room #2.