

Minutes

Transit Advisory Meeting

DATE April 28th, 2025

TIME 6:15 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Mike Rein

IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Rein, Greg Fletcher, Lynn Niewohner, Mayor Mike Troup, Linda Moore (mayor-elect), Kelly Mays, Richie Reis, Dustin Gorder, Megan Meyer, Marty Stegeman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Old minutes were reviewed and approved

NEW BUSINESS

- Bus Pick-Up
 - The new buses will be picked up next Wednesday, May 7th.
- Radios
 - Current radios are outdated and have poor reception.
 - Proposal to purchase 10 new radios for the fixed route buses.
 - Cost estimate: \$900 per radio, including installation.
- Striping and Bus Wraps
 - Vendors will add advertising to the new buses.
 - Non-advertising buses will feature the Quincy Transit Lines logo.
- Fare Collections
 - Marty explored electronic fare collection systems (POS and smart card equipment).
 - Found these systems to be expensive and likely underutilized by riders.
 - Fare boxes would still be required on new buses.
 - Linda Moore inquired about eliminating fares entirely.
 - Marty will consult the state for their opinion on this option.

- Passenger Counting

- Marty investigated an AI-based automated passenger counting program.
- The system can track adults, children, wheelchairs, bicycles, and strollers.
- Current ridership may be undercounted.

- Destination Signs

- The new buses will not have windows designed for roller curtains.
- Marty suggested exploring digital destination signs.

- Cameras and GPS System

- Fixed route buses currently lack cameras.
- Marty is drafting an RFP for cameras, a GPS system, and a new scheduling system.
- Funding will come from CARES money.

- Old Buses

- Marty proposed keeping 5–7 old buses as backups.
- Some buses may be stripped for parts and sold to B & W.
- A couple of buses will be donated to the fire department for simulator rescue training.

No public comment

Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING

N/A