TRANSIT SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary Thursday December 11, 2014

PRESENT:

George Schaeffer, Charlotte Rick Sanderson, Charlotte Scott Jernigan, Charlotte James Hilsman, Charlotte Rob Cornwell, Davidson Anthony Wesley, Charlotte Jean Veatch, Cornelius Christine Bryant, Huntersville

STAFF: Pamela White, Paulus Ford, Scott Colburn, Duretta Weicken, Theron Barrino, Debra Franklin, Brian Horton, Tonia Wimberly, Scott Colburn

Meeting Time 4:00-5:30 PM

I. Call to Order and Approval of the October & November Meeting Summaries

Chairman Rick Sanderson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., The October & November meeting summaries were approved as written.

II. Public Comment on Agenda Items:

Dontavious Hinton from the public came to give comment about service to the Glenhaven neighborhood.

III. Action Items:

A. February Service Change

Pamela White CATS Manager of Planning and Special Operations presented the February proposed Service change explaining service adjustments to improve on-time performance to routes 4,7,8,15,21,201,204,211 and Gold Rush. Routing adjustments to routes 2, 3, 6, 10, 11, 85X, and 235. The committee voted in favor to recommend to MTC the February Service Change as written.

B. Chairman & Co-Chairman Election

There were two members seeking election for Chairman and Co-Chairman TSAC positions. The committee elected Rick Sanderson for the Chairman position and Scott Jernigan as the Co-Chairman.

IV. Service Issues

James Hilsman stated on December 3 there was an accident between a train and a pedestrian he waited a very long time on the number 30 Woodlawn bus when the bus was rerouted due to an accident and wanted to know if another bus is sent out to continue the route so there isn't as long of a wait. Larry stated when there is an emergency situation CATS usually tweets the info out to customers. Tom Reynolds stated buses get re-routed as best as CATS can but some neighborhoods cannot handle the large buses so it can be difficult to get the buses back on track until the emergency situation is over.

Christine Bryant asked if the bus would be back when the 300 project is done. Brian Horton stated the bus stop will be restored however the project construction will last for two years.

Anthony Wesley explained during the last bus bridge buses filled up quickly and people had to wait for the next bus and wanted to know if there could be two buses instead of just one for the next bus bridge. Tom Reynolds stated because there will be other events this year, CATS will have additional buses out.

V. Chairman's Report

Rick stated at the last MTC meeting the committee approved the legislative agenda and they voted to not have a December meeting. Rick asked the committee members to submit new topics for the 2015 TSAC meetings. Larry stated there were new projects coming up that may be topics of discussion; New Fare Boxes, Smart Card system, Street car opens in March, Real Time information System and Van Pool Monitoring equipment.

VI. Manager of Operation Report

Larry reported about the bus bridge to tie in the street car electrical wires. And that the bus bridge would be from Carson St. to the CTC all day Saturday.

Larry also stated there is a new VA facility being developed on Tyvola and CATS is working with the facility to develop good bus service there.

And that Carolyn Flowers resigned to take a job in Washington her last day will be January 9, 2015. There is a process for the new CEO that takes at least six months so an interim will preside until the CEO process is complete. Also Larry spoke about the monitoring system that has been put on the Van Pool vehicles to help monitor for safe driving.

Next TSAC MEETING: THURSDAY JANUARY 8, 2015