

**75th Meeting of the
Metro Area Transit Coordinating Board
October 10, 2018
Fargo Commission Chambers**

Members Present:

Jim Aasness, Dilworth City Council
Steve Fox, MSUM
Paul Grindeland, Metro Senior Ride
Kevin Hanson, Chair
Jackie Maahs, Concordia College
Brit Stevens, NDSU
John Strand, Fargo City Commission
Sara Watson Curry, Moorhead City Council
Larry Weil, City of West Fargo (alternate for Mark Simmons)

Members Absent:

Tony Grindberg, Fargo City Commission
Melissa Fabian, Moorhead City Council
Teresa Stolfus, M|State

Others Present:

Michael Maddox, FM Metro COG
Lori Van Beek, City of Moorhead
Julie Bommelman, City of Fargo
Shaun Crowell, City of Fargo
Matthew Peterson, City of Fargo
Jordan Smith, MATBUS
Taaren Haak, City of Moorhead
Sage Thornbrugh, City of Fargo

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Mr. Hanson called the meeting to order, introductions were made, and a quorum was present.

2. Action Items

a. Review and Action on Minutes from July 18, 2018

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Aasness and seconded by Mr. Grindeland. The motion was voted on and unanimously approved.

b. Mobile Ticketing and Fare Changes

Mr. Peterson presented the mobile ticketing and fare changes. He discussed a couple of options for mobile ticketing applications so that people could purchase their transit fare from a cell phone. There was a general discussion on how the mobile ticketing would initially work, evolve, and how it could affect fare prices.

A motion to approve staff look into new fare prices to cover the cost of mobile ticketing was made by Mr. Strand and seconded by Mr. Aasness. The motion was voted on and unanimously approved.

c. Increase Agency Rate for Paratransit

Ms. Bommelman presented information on the agency rate increase for paratransit.

A motion approve the current agency rate of \$25.00 be increased to \$38.00 effective January 1, 2019 was made by Mr. Aasness and seconded by Mr. Grindeland. The motion was voted on and unanimously approved.

d. Update on First Transit Contract

Ms. Van Beek and Ms. Bommelman presented information on a contract update with First Transit. She discussed a few changes that First Transit proposed and that the contracted services did go up less than two percent. Paul Buharin, Region Vice President of First Transit, discussed some of the largest hurdles the company has faced in Fargo-Moorhead, and how they plan to address those concerns. Mr. Peterson brought up some other concerns that did not pertain only to drivers, but other aspects of their contract. Matt Dooley, General Manager of First Transit in Fargo, answered some questions about how many drivers apply for positions, and how many are hired.

A motion to recommend approval of a one-year extension of the agreements with First Transit for Mass Transit Operational Service for the period January 1 through December 31, 2019, based on the negotiated price proposal to the Fargo City Commission and Moorhead City Council was made by Ms. Watson Curry and seconded by Mr. Weil. The motion was voted on and unanimously approved.

3. Informational Items

a. Update on MATBUS Transit Authority Study

Mr. Maddox provided an update on the MATBUS Transit Authority Study and the necessity to look at how funding sources may change when the FM Metro COG inevitably becomes an Transportation Management Area.

b. Potential Location of Jefferson Lines at the GTC

Mr. Peterson presented information about how Jefferson Lines approached MATBUS regarding renting some space at the GTC.

c. Fare and Service Change Policy Update

Ms. Van Beek presented the fare and service change policy update.

d. Operations Reports and Ridership

Mr. Peterson presented the operations and ridership reports.

e. Paratransit and Mobility Management Update

Mr. Crowell presented the paratransit and mobility management update..

f. Marketing Activities Update / Advertising Trade with WDAY

Mr. Thornbrugh and Ms. Haak gave an update on marketing activities and the advertising trade with WDAY.

4. Other Business

Hearing no other business Mr. Hanson adjourned the meeting at 9:19 AM.