

# SAN MARCOS TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2016 – 9:30 a.m.

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### Committee Members Present

Charles O’Neil  
Peter Wetterhall  
Joseph Ptak  
Steven Herrera

### CARTS Staff & City of San Marcos Present

Rachid Breir, Asst. General Mgr. of Operations  
Lyle Nelson, Chief of Staff  
Pete Binion, City of San Marcos Liaison  
Donna Aaron, Committee Secretary

#### I. Roll Call

The meeting came to order at 9:32 a.m. with roll call.

#### II. Public Comment Period

No public comments were offered.

#### III. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Peter to approve the minutes from the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Charles. The motion carried with all in favor.

#### IV. Staff Updates

##### A. Ridership Report

The ridership reports were presented by Rachid which showed an increase in ridership for August. He further stated that he anticipates increased ridership with the roll out of the new buses and extended hours. In addition, he referenced an article showing that Capital Metro’s ridership has been dropping and outlining reasons why.

##### B. On-Time Performance

The on-time performance report was also presented by Rachid which showed an increased percentage for August. He briefly went over the roll out schedule for the new buses and extended service, as well as which routes would run with the new buses. Further discussion covered the re-routes of Rte. 1 East & West and Rte. 5 and the possible drop in OTP percentages due to the changes.

#### V. Art in Transit Program – Discussion/Recommendations

In an effort to follow up on the previously discussed addition of art to the new bus shelter windscreens, Joe posed the questions of how to solicit artists for the project and how would the project be funded. Lyle stated that there would not likely be much funding available but that the city’s Main Street department, in conjunction with CARTS marketing department were working on solutions that might include CARTS funding a portion of the project. He stated that the hope is that individual sponsors will fund the project entirely. In answer to Charles’s question regarding the method of adding art to the windscreens, he stated that the discussion was still

open but his preference is for direct application as opposed to inserts which could easily be vandalized.

Joe stated that, through a recent Art Commission's project, in-roads had been made with interested parties that the Advisory Committee could piggy-back on for the shelter art project. He added that the San Marcos school district had expressed interest in getting involved with their project and suggested possible funding by the Arts Commission. Lyle agreed that the Arts Commission should be involved in the shelter art project, not only for funding but, for their ideas as well.

Steve asked about maintenance of the new shelters and Pete replied that it would be the City's responsibility as per the ILA.

VI. Any New Business

Under New Business Peter brought a problem he encountered when waiting for a Greyhound bus out of town that involved a late arrival and a customer service issue. Rachid promised to correct the customer service issue.

VII. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made by Charles. It was seconded by Peter and the meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m. with all in favor.