



# Public Transportation Advisory Council (PTAC) Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2024 9:00 am MT/8:00 am PT

Idaho Transportation Department

Conference Room: Lake Coeur d’Alene 11331 W. Chinden Blvd., Boise, ID 83714

Chair: Ryan Luttmann

Vice Chair: Michelle Ziel-Dingman

- I. Call to Order (Chair)
- II. Roll Call (Chair)

PTAC Representatives	ITD-PT Staff	Other
D1 PTAC – Ryan Luttmann, Acting Chair	Ron Duran	Mollie McCarty, ITD
D2 PTAC – Alisa Anderson	Shauna Miller	Skyler Beebe, PRT
D3 PTAC – Allan Schneider	Sam Carroll	Lila Klopfenstein, COMPASS
D4 PTAC – Jeff McCurdy	Ben Schumacker	Janiece Lake, NW Medical Transport
D5 PTAC – Michael Lefevor	Connie Edwards	Colleen Rosson, Shoshone County
D6 PTAC – Michelle Ziel-Dingman		Wally Morgus, MRTA
		Jeremy Maxand, LINC
		Kade Marques, GIFT
		Barbara Stout, COAST

- III. Approval of Minutes (Chair) Vote – Approved
  - Member Ziel-Dingman motioned to approve, Member Anderson seconded
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Safety Share (ITD-Miller) – Engaged Driving
- VI. PTAC District Report Outs (Chair)
  - District 1:
    - SPOT has a news Ops/Safety/Training Manager, Wendy
    - Kootenai County: Chad is now leading things with CityLink North
    - NW Medical Transport: Janiece Lake purchase NW Medical Transport in Shoshone County
    - Overall, ridership is strong and increasing, preventative maintenance costs are increasing, and turnover is decreasing



- District 2:
  - SMART: Seeing higher PM costs and have to travel to Spokane or Lewiston for diesel mechanics. ITD-PT conducted a site review with the new executive director. Staying fully staffed, increasing ridership and Passio is installed.
  - Lewiston Transit: Staffing and repair challenges.
  - Appaloosa Express: Didn't report back but they recently hired Michelle.
- District 3:
  - Meridian Senior Center: Described services and social events
  - TVT: New facility. TVT has Human Trafficking Awareness as an ongoing training at their quarterly safety meetings, costs increasing much more than funding, "Fiscal Cliff" as CARES funds dwindle and how to address it, TVT contracting with Tamarack resort and connect to green line in Donnelly.
  - VRT: New Program called Beyond Access that links Canyon and Ada Counties, Better Bus initiative with new with new signage and bus shelters, more N-S and E-W connecting points, Blind community pushback about Access vs Beyond Access, can't be fare free, VRT is now going to sit in on Blind Federation meetings. VRT voiced concern about same group reviewing apps doing site reviews.
  - NWSL/SLEX: building a large network, new app called Where's My Bus gives riders data about vehicle location. Waiting on ARP funds.
  - WITCO: does employment opportunities for elderly/disabled, growing category of people who have had strokes, social events.
  - ACHD Commuteride: alternative ways to commute, fleet is getting old because even when they have funds it's difficult to get vehicles right now.
  - COMPASS: pre planning getting high speed transportation between Caldwell/Nampa and Boise/Eagle/Meridian, whatever they do will be no build only use in place infrastructure, Human Trafficking issues in SD reservations, ACHD did TAT training and setting up implementation to do it regularly with their own staff, VRT has regular training with staff,



- District 4:
  - Stakeholder Huddles providers meeting together to share information and collaborate. Identify gaps in services, coming together to provide best service to the people in the area.
  - LINC: site review recently and have overhauling their services, including LEP and modernizing with digital accessibility, getting people from one community to another, drivers in Twin Falls not bad but the rural areas are more difficult.
  - MRTA: strong and stable, continued increase of ridership, awaiting approval of building permit for their new garage, anticipate 13 months of construction.
  - TFT: still new but far exceeding projections of anticipated ridership, Maxine very engaged in regional collaboration, they are holding a Twin Falls Transportation summit May 22
  
- District 5:
  - PRT: things are going very well, summer youth pass to provide free rides to 18 and under, increasing ridership, submitting orders of about \$1.7M for new buses, new ISU parking lot, rolling out a real time fixed route app, possibility of future use of token transit which is like a bus pass via phone, doing well with local match but can always use more.
  
- District 6:
  - SLEX: has seen significant increase in ridership, concerns about future needs for vehicles, looking to expand into NV, CO, OR, GIFT new contract year coming up, up 14.7% ridership from last year, fare increase has not hurt ridership but community has expressed an issue with it.
  - GIFT: Ammon continues to want GIFT access, local elections this year will affect the counties and cities and whether Ammon will take part in the service area, looking to purchase ADA vehicle with ARP funds.
  - START: ridership is up, launched new app in November, added four new buses in November, shuttle between Jackson and airport has been very successful and they're hopeful city will budget for it.

## VII. PT Office Update (ITD-Duran)

- Board workshops
  - District 4 is May 15 and will address designation of TFT as recipient of 5307 funds
- Site reviews kicking off
- End of State FY financials
- FTA procurement system review training



- VIII. Operations and Capital Program Update (ITD-Miller)
- IX. PTAC Goal Review (Chair) – No Changes
- X. ITD Board Policy (ITD-Duran)
- XI. Annual Training & RTAP Update (ITD-Miller)
- XII. PTAC Application Review (ITD-Miller) – Approved
  - District 1
    - Member Luttmann recused himself
    - Member Anderson moved to concur on application, Member Schneider seconded
  - District 4
    - Member McCurdy recused himself
    - Member Schneider moved to concur on applications, Member Ziel-Dingman seconded
- XIII. Summit Update and Discussion (ITD-Miller)
- XIV. Congressional Application Funding Recommendations (ITD-Miller) – Approved
  - 5310
    - Member McCurdy motioned to concur with ITD-PT award recommendation, Member Lefevor seconded
  - 5311
    - Member Ziel-Dingman motioned to concur with ITD-PT award recommendation, Member McCurdy seconded
  - 5339
    - Member Schneider motioned to concur with ITD-PT award recommendation, Member Anderson seconded
  - VIP
    - Member Lefevor motioned to concur with ITD-PT award recommendation, Member Schneider seconded
- XV. CARES Application Funding Recommendations (ITD-Carroll) – Approved
  - Member Schneider motioned to concur with ITD-PT award recommendation, Member McCurdy seconded
- XVI. PTAC Guidance (ITD-Duran)
- XVII. Next Meeting Agenda Review (Chair)
- XVIII. New Business and Future Business (Chair)
- XIX. Adjourn (Chair)
  - Member McCurdy motioned to adjourn, Member Anderson seconded