



Public Transportation Advisory Council (PTAC) Meeting Minutes

July 11, 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

1. Call to Order (Chair)
2. Roll Call (Chair)

PTAC Representatives	ITD-PT Staff	Other
D1 PTAC – Ryan Luttmann, Chair	Shauna Miller	Scott Stokes, ITD
D2 PTAC – Alisa Anderson	Sam Carroll	Mollie McCarty, ITD
D3 PTAC – Allan Schneider	Ben Schumacker	Amy Schroeder, ITD
D4 PTAC – Jeff McCurdy	Connie Edwards	Lorraine Dennis, ITD
D5 PTAC – Michael Lefevor	Savannah DeMeritt	Colby Cameron, ITD
		Donna Griffin, SPOT Bus

3. Approval of Minutes (Chair) Vote – Approved
 - Member Schneider motioned to approve, Member Anderson seconded
4. Safety Share (ITD-Miller) – Avoiding Heat Stress
5. PTAC District Report Outs (Chair)
 - District 1:
 - SPOT
 - Low staff turnover and amazing staff
 - Challenges with bus procurements
 - Funding for infrastructure
 - Slight increase in ridership
 - Working with cities and counties on funding sources
 - Signage
 - Kootenai County:
 - Similar bus build issues
 - About 2% ridership increase
 - Paratransit bus met useful life, transferred to Veteran’s Services
 - Three new paratransit buses awarded, expect in service by 2027
 - Bus Stop Improvement Plan



- Delays on improvements due to price increases
- Getting local decision makers on the buses and seeing the system
- Providing buses for Post Falls community events

- District 2:
 - SMART:
 - Executive Director resigned
 - Interim Executive Director appointed to carry on operations
 - Working on getting reporting and reimbursements caught up
 - Breakdown of vehicles
 - Fully staffed but have several part time people and want to fill Dispatcher position

 - Lewiston Transit:
 - Trouble keeping enough drivers
 - Picking pedestrians up because of heat

 - Appaloosa Express:
 - Very busy, broad service area
 - Difficulty keeping drivers

- District 3:
 - District 3 ITD Board Workshop
 - Expecting over a million population shortly
 - VRT
 - Spoke to local chapter of Federation of the Blind about Access and Beyond Access
 - Partnered with LYFT for first mile last mile program and cover up to \$6 per ride
 - Updating routes
 - Looking at Happy Day Transit Center for intercity connection point

 - Salt Lake Express / Flix Bus
 - Unable to attend
 - Last meeting was asking about ARP funds, ITD to follow up with her to make sure those funds were disbursed



- TVT
 - Happy to get funding and match for 9 bus procurements
 - Grand opening of new facility
 - Sent mailers out and had public outreach with neighborhood to calm concerns about new transit center
 - 3 new buses delivered
 - Deal in Donnelly and Cascade to provide services to Tamarack
 - Putting out RFP for marketing early fall
 - Tripspark software system moving forward
 - MyRide app going live soon

- COMPASS
 - High speed transit – planning and environmental studies

- ACHD
 - Deploying new plan for expansion of coverage
 - Working with Micron to deploy vans there and Micron subsidizes trips for employees

- Human Trafficking Awareness
 - Collaboration and sharing information and ideas between providers

- District 4:
 - Board Workshop
 - Significant road construction in region
 - Twin Falls
 - Just hit one-year milestone and exceeding projected numbers
 - Held a local summit in May

 - MRTA
 - Bus garage project continues – 13 month construction project

 - Economic Development Organization
 - Doesn't deal with Public Transportation much
 - National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) created RPO America, a group for economic developers to meet and discuss Public Transit
 - Treating it as a resource to be utilized in Idaho



- District 5:
 - PRT
 - Partnerships with other agencies in the region
 - Tripspark implementation
 - Funding discussions including SICOG, ITD/FTA
 - Mobility Management program successes
 - Trolley for community events – great community outreach with Children’s Museum
 - Sustainability of Local Match increasingly challenging each year
 - Summer Youth Pass program for free rides for 18 and under
 - Ride United
 - Provide rides via United Way in Pocatello
 - Trying to make better connections with Bear Lake Memorial and Oneida County
- 6. PT Office Update (ITD-Miller)
 - State Fiscal Year End – challenges with spending authority, old capital projects were able to go through so large amounts of funds were disbursed
 - Board meeting in May, moving forward creating MPO and getting Twin Falls set up to work with FTA
 - Twin Falls Summit in May, great turn out, speakers, collaboration
 - Several grants under FTA review and NEPA review
 - FTA Environmental is swamped so getting help from DC staff
 - All the most recently approved awards are in TrAMS waiting for review
 - Site Reviews
 - ISU, City of Pocatello, ACHD completed recently
 - AE, SPOT, Silverton next week, as well as opportunity to meet with other providers
 - Call for PTAC Representatives to remind providers to complete and return packets in a timely fashion
 - IWG quarterly meeting – Made a subcommittee for challenges and barriers to transportation and how to overcome those
 - TSI classes hosted in collaboration with VRT
- 7. Congressional Awards Update (ITD-Miller)
- 8. Operations and Capital Program Update (ITD-Miller)
- 9. Human Trafficking Awareness Training (ITD-Miller)



10. PTAC Goal Review (Chair) – No Changes
11. Annual Chair Election (Chair) – Approved
 - Member Schneider motioned Member Luttmann for Chair, Member Anderson seconded
12. Annual Vice Chair Election (Chair) – Approved
 - Member McCurdy motioned Member Ziel-Dingman for Vice Chair, Member Lefevor seconded
13. Summit Update and Discussion (ITD-Miller)
14. PTAC Guidance (ITD-Duran)
15. Next Meeting Agenda Review (Chair)
16. New Business and Future Business (Chair)
17. Adjourn (Chair)
 - Member Lefevor motioned to adjourn, Member Schneider seconded