



**Missoula Urban Transportation District
Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2022**

APPROVED JULY 13, 2022

Members Present

Don MacArthur, Chair
Jesse Dodson
Amy Cilimburg
Doug Odegaard
Sebastian Strauss
Anna Goldberg

Members Absent

Staff

Corey Aldridge, General Manager
Mary Hanson, Director, Fin. & Admin.
Colin Woodrow, Plan Specialist
Dan Stone, Transit Planner
Shanti Johnson, Communications
Jennifer Sweten, Director, Operations
Ashley Rosas, Admin. Assist.
Jason Struppler, Operator

Call to Order and Roll Call (11:03)

Changes or Additions to Agenda

None.

Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

None.

Action Items

4.1 Minutes of March 9, 2022 and Minutes of April 13, 2022

Strauss made a motion to approve the March 2022 and April 2022 Minutes, seconded by Dodson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items

5.1 Review Service Expansions Post Card – Shanti Johnson

As directed by the Board in the April Board of Director's meeting, A post card will be sent to everyone in the MUTD district about the 7-Day & 7-Night Service Expansion launching July 10th, 2022. Johnson presented the post-card for review by the Board Members. The design details the new service hours being implemented, as well as promoting the new trip planning mobile app, which is expected to launch in May. The Extended Service is adding Sunday service for the first time ever and expanding hours on the existing routes. The app offers real-time tracking and is used in multiple cities, providing more trip planning functionality. The post-card is slated to go out the first week of June. A suggestion was

made about having talking points prepared to explain potential questions as to why the extended service is beginning in July as opposed to January. Discussions ensued regarding the new app and timeline of transitioning from the old app, which will occur through June. There was unanimous agreement of the post-Card design, as well as the new app roll-out.

5.2 Facilities Master Plan – Colin Woodrow

Woodrow provided an update on the status of Facilities Master Plan. Still looking to acquire Parcels 7A and 11 of North Scott Street Area, as well as the Dougherty property. ML is still awaiting final FTA approval on some components before being able to move forward with negotiations. Woodrow explained ML is still in the Discovery Phase and application period, with Application due date May 27th. In terms of Nepa approval, Rodgers location is in ESA Phase I for Parcel 11 and ESA Phase I & II for 7A. CATEX approval anticipated late June. ESA Phase I is complete for the Dougherty location, while awaiting CLOMR (FEMA Conditional Letters of Map Revision) to lift the property out of the flood plain, with a 4–6-week approval timeline. A site concern regarding land use for the Dougherty location leads City and County to agree that Mountain Line would be a great fit for Tract 1 and Tract 2.out of the 4 tracks available. An LOI for 7A and option to purchase for 11 was approved on May 11, 2022, by unanimous approval from City Counsel. Discussion ensued regarding the risk mitigation with CLOMR and project timeless. No problematic stance was determined, despite varying timelines.

The FTA has offered guidance to focus on scalability with design concepts. Work with DJ&A has fruitful in developing a scalable design which decreases the \$40 million to a \$25 million concept by eliminating a bus wash and potentially the childcare center. ML is still many phases away still for a final design.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 PM.

Submitted by Ashley Rosas