

# Specialized Transportation Advisory Committee

November 18, 2022

## MINUTES

Via Zoom

1. Roll call and introductions
  - a. **Tom Thompson**, Peer from Summit Independent Living
  - b. **Jon Sand**, MPO
  - c. **Jennifer Sweten**, Director of Operations, Mountain Line
  - d. **Shanti Johnson**, Communications, Mountain Line
  - e. **Tami Hoar**, Summit Independent Living Director
  - f. **Mike McCollough**, Missoula Development Services
  - g. **Sam Engebretsen**, Missoula Aging Services
  - h. **Samantha Chase**, President of Missoula Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind
2. Public comment
  - a. None
3. Approval of October 28 meeting minutes
  - a. Tom moved to approved the minutes. Shanti seconded. Passed unanimously
4. Mountain Line update

- a. Service expansion has been received well by community partners and riders
- b. Approximately a 20% increase in ridership since services expansion, all buses are being utilized.
- c. Paratransit has seen over a 50% increase over last year, approximately 220 rides per day, 70-80 on weekends.
- d. Over all, more rides for less driver hours
- e. Conducting training program for transit application
- f. Holiday Service
  - i. Operated 2 holidays so far that normally would have been closed for, will be closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years day.
  - ii. Mountain Line will operate on a Sunday schedule during other federal holidays.
- g. Bus stop improvement plan is out to bid.
- h. No updates from DOT about vehicle purchasing

## 5. Summit Update

- a. Hiring for Adaptive Recreation Coordinator
- b. Participating in Marshall Mountain stakeholder group, regarding revamping trails, redevelopment of Fish Creek and other outdoor opportunities.

## 6. Update on city planning efforts & current projects

- a. Midtown

- i. Walk/Move Audit Scheduled for Dec 1, STAC members invited,  
please spread the word.

b. Grants

- i. City applying for RAISE Grant to improve Higgins Ave and Front Main
- ii. Preferred alternative will be available to the public in Dec.

7. Other business & announcements

i. STAC

1. Look at make up of committee, consider additional members
2. Upcoming election for Officials
3. Discuss coordinating grant

8. Schedule next meeting (12/16/2022)