

Specialized Transportation Advisory Committee

September 23, 2022

MINUTES

Via Zoom

1. Roll call and introductions
 - a. **Tom Thompson**, Peer from Summit Independent Living
 - b. **Jon Sand**, MPO
 - c. **Marsha Hauk**, Missoula Manor Service Coordinator
 - d. **Shanti Johnson**, Communications, Mountain Line
 - e. **Tami Hoar**, Summit Independent Living Director
 - f. **Mike McCollough**, Missoula Development Services
 - g. **Vena Dagnall, IL Program Manager**
 - h. **Samantha Chase**, President of Missoula Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind
2. Public comment
 - a. The transit app is not accessible with the screen reader for real time notifications. Mountain Line
 - b. Community Vision for Midtown Master Plan 9/27 6-8pm
3. Approval of June 24 meeting minutes
 - a. Tom moved to approved the minutes. Shanti seconded. Passed unanimously
4. Approval of Aug 26 meeting minutes

- a. Marsha moved to approved the minutes. Tom seconded. Passed unanimously.

5. Mountain Line update

- a. Transit App has same functionality as previous service.
- b. Communicating service expansion, outreach to
- c. 15% increase in service from July to Aug, 20% increase on Saturdays, Sunday ridership echo Saturday numbers
- d. Holiday service – Labor Day was first federal holiday, Sunday schedule
- e. No changes on Indigenous Peoples Day or Election Day
- f. Paratransit trips have increased on weekends
- g. Paratransit app is live for all users, how to guide sent to participants, first time using app users need to contact Mountain Line for temporary password.
- h. Accessibility reader, Screen reader app is tricky to pick a time with the paratransit app, time consuming to select time. Large fonts causing difficulties, meeting with app developer to change the way the time is displayed.
- i. Residents at Missoula Manor do not have mobile devices, interested in a in person group informational meeting. The app will not replace the option to call in for a ride. There is a desktop version to reserve a ride.
- j. No movement on vehicle purchasing.

6. Missoula Developmental Services

- a. Difficulties with staffing, not getting applications

b. No updates on Capital grants, due to get 2 vehicles

7. Summit Update

a. A couple positions open, listed on website, 2 in Missoula 1 in Kalispell

b. Develop adaptive recreations program, Dream adaptive, events around

c. Getting back into schools, classes and leadership, youth work experience

8. Update on city planning efforts & current projects

a. Midtown

i. The "Community Vision Night" -- the first design charrette -- is going to be held Tuesday, September 27th from 5:45-7:45pm at the YMCA.

ii. 12 Audits – Successful Higgins Audit, plans for Midtown and Caras Park Audits.

b. Grants

i. City/County applying for Safe Streets for All Grant for South Ave.

ii. Applying for Reconnecting Communities Grant for Hwy 200 (East Missoula)

c. CMAQ

i. Neighborhood Greenways and the California/ Toole/ Broadway roundabout have been nominated for CMAQ (Congestion mitigation and air quality) funding.

d. Higgins

i. Preferred alternative will be available to the public in early Oct.

9. Other business & announcements

- i. UM Homecoming Parade tomorrow – All stops 1/6/7/12 closed on
South closed from 8am to noon
- ii. IL Voc Rehab Town Hall Cct 27 12-1

10. Schedule next meeting (10/28/2022)