

Sunset Empire Transportation District BOARD OF COMMISIONERS SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA MONDAY JANUARY 12, 2015 9:00 AM- 12 NOON Astoria Transit Center, 900 Marine Drive Astoria, OR

AGENDA:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. CHANGES TO AGENDA
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)
- 5. PROPOSAL TO CHANGE JANUARY 22ND BOARD MEETING TO JANUARY 29TH.
- 6. BOARD/TEAM STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

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Sunset Empire Transportation District 2015-17 Strategic Priorities

Sunset Empire Transportation District is dedicated to providing *safe, reliable, relevant and sustainable transportation services to Clatsop County with professionalism, integrity, and courtesy.*

In the next biennium the leadership team intends to do this by focusing on actions that:

- 1. Increase the number of rides on SETD's fixed routes by 15% per year and reduces the need for more costly supplemental services.
- 2. Resume Dial-A-Ride ridership to levels similar to its operations ending in 2010.
- 3. Sustain RideCare as a cost-effective means to deliver quality NEMT brokerage services.

How we propose to get there:

1. Improve Customer Satisfaction

- ✓ All riders to receive a friendly greeting every time they step on the bus.
- ✓ Bus stops to be more visible to the drivers.
- ✓ All shelters to be lit.
- Ride quality and bus safety maintained and/or enhanced so buses drive smoothly, and are less noisy for riders.
- ✓ Deliver timely and relevant information to current and potential riders
- ✓ Systematic customer service monitoring
 - SIPS
 - Regular surveys
 - On-bus communication feedback loop campaign, e.g., Let us know how were doing? Email@ridethebus.org or call 503-861-0657

2. Increase and Enhance Services and Outreach

- ✓ Dial-A-Ride: Expand the service area to include all of Clatsop County.
- ✓ Fixed: Improve the intercity Columbia connector route so it is more relevant to riders and establish a strong education campaign to promote it.
- ✓ Fixed: Increase the frequency of the 101 route to be more relevant to the riders.
- ✓ Fixed: Better serve Warrenton through new routes that offer increased frequency.
- ✓ RideCare: Shuttle service for NEMTS to Longview and Portland.
- ✓ All Services: Establish a Micro Transit Center in Seaside.
- ✓ All Services: Deliver regularly scheduled, targeted training program for individuals and local service organizations.

- ✓ All Services: Improve the way resources and information is delivered through our one-stop information hubs.
- ✓ All Services: Design targeted initiatives for
 - Veterans
 - Seniors
 - Persons with Disabilities
 - Millennials
 - Commuters

3. Improve Public Awareness of SETD and how it is meeting its Mission.

- ✓ SETD to increase its relevancy to, participation in and engagement with public organizations and community leaders. Especially as it relates to transportation needs and community economic development growth strategies.
 - Board members to identify initiatives and/or organization they can participate in on a regular basis.
 - Leadership team to write an engagement plan identifying priority areas, interests and organizations.
 - Director to devote his time to effective relationship building activities that yield tangible outcomes.
- ✓ Design and implement an effective social media campaign.

4. Improve Facilities

- ✓ Keep it Clean. All facilities, including shelters will be routinely clean and free of unnecessary storage and clutter.
- ✓ Facility improvement and maintenance plan to be written and implemented.
- ✓ Shelter placement and improvement plan to be written and implemented contingent on an accessibility assessment.
- ✓ RideCare facility to be assessed for expansion needs in step with service growth.

5. Improve Communication/Tech Systems

- ✓ Communications: Website enhancement—Phase II
 - Achieve better functionality
 - Deliver a robust trip planning system
 - Real-time bus tracking information presented in a useful way to riders
 - Quality interface for community input
- ✓ Communications: Build/design relevant apps—Phase I

- ✓ Efficiencies: Provide an electronic ticket/scanning system and computerized fare box—Phase I
- ✓ Efficiencies/Security: Implement a stable and expandable computer/ communications network for the entire District
- ✓ On-board Bus
 - Wi-Fi Service
 - Install counters for better accuracy in counting ridership
 - Parking/Reverse Cameras on all buses
 - Flat screens to feed updates/announcements
 - A/C plug ins
- ✓ At the Transit Center (TC) and Micro Transit Center(s)
 - LCD reader boards to communicate schedules, updates, and announcements
 - Rapid A/C charging stations for electronics charging.
 - Update the security system at the TC.
 - Upgrade the TC conference room communications system to better support conference calling and presentation options.

6. Provide stable and steady administrative support.

- Manage finances and cash flow to achieve the District's goals in a manner that does not require the District to take on unnecessary additional debt.
- Identify alternative revenue sources, such as advertising and competitive grants to further support the District's goals.
- ✓ Provide the most cost effective options for employee travel.
- Make necessary adjustments to build a diversified employee base and improve employee retention rates.
- Provide continued staff development and training in areas that improve public servitude, customer satisfaction, safety, compliance, and operational efficiencies.