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Mobility Advisory Committee (MAC) Update – May 2021

To: Chair and Board of Directors
Through: President/CEO Inez P. Evans
From: Mobility Advisory Committee Chair Mandla Moyo
Date: June 24, 2021

Mobility Advisory Committee Update – May 2021

ISSUE: An update from the Mobility Advisory Committee (MAC) will be presented at the board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive the report

Mobility Advisory Committee (MAC)
Meeting Minutes
May 19,2021
This Was a Zoom Meeting Due to Covid-19

Attendees

Greg Meyer- MAC
Mandla Moyo- MAC
Cori Wills- MAC
Bernie Wilmer- MAC
Linda Gosnell- MAC
Eddie Richenbach- MAC
Greg Bedan- Mac Visitor
Ryan Malone- MAC Visitor

Mike Roth- IndyGo
Teresa Franklin- IndyGo
Ryan Wilhite- IndyGo
Myisha Foster- IndyGo
Charlie Carlino- IndyGo
Cameron Radford- IndyGo
Lesley Gordan- IndyGo
Jennifer Pyrz- IndyGo
Roscoe Brown-Transdev

- **Welcome and Introduction:**

Senior Director of Mobility Solutions, Mike Roth Took the attendance of the MAC members

- **Approval of the March 17th, 2021 Meeting minutes.**
 - **Minutes from March 17th, 2021 meeting presented to MAC for approval, Approved.**
- **Meeting Agenda- Presented to MAC for Approval, Approved**
 - **Meeting Agenda for May 20th, 2021 presented to MAC for approval, Approved.**

- **Discussion Items:**

Mandla Moyo/ MAC Chair

- **Mandla, Eric, and Eddie have a working group with the IndyGo board- please bring up any questions you would like for the MAC board and IndyGo board to discuss.**
- **We need volunteers to represent MAC June - December for IndyGo Service Committee Meeting.**
- **Service committee beings on Thursday @ 10:30.**
- **Board meeting begins on Thursday @ 5:30.**
- **30-45 Minutes is typical before representative can speak.**
- **Representative would only speak for 3-4 minutes to give updates on the MAC.**
- **Cori and Linda did an awesome job representing last month.**
- **Times and dates have been added to the agenda.**

○ SB141

- Early January Senate Bill 141 was introduced by senator Aaron Freeman.
- The Bill would have done the following:
- Required 10% Operations funding to go back toward operations.
- Failure to do so would have resulted in penalties that would have stifled IndyGo's ability to keep service levels at their current level, but also stifled future projects.
- Legislation would have changed the current statute which states: Funding must be raised funds other than taxes and fares.
- Currently IndyGo is and has followed current statute by raising more than enough funds from sources other than taxes and fares as legally defined.
- Senator Aaron Freeman introduced his bill to the Senator Appropriations Committee.
- Appropriations committee had to vote whether to advance the bill to the full Senate.
- It passed out with a vote of 6 to 6 with a 12-member committee.
- Full senate body vote 5 to 7.
- The Blue line (corridor) project Which the FTA oversees the grant – Shared lanes not BRT lanes which are dedicated lanes, Information Incorrect.
- Blue line should be built as a shared lane project, but this information was incorrect.
- All lines Red, Purple, and Blue lines were approved for a fixed guideway project.
- Fixed guideway projects which are required dedicated bus lanes along the transit line.
- Senators heard this information a couple of minutes before taking the vote and it was passed out of the Senate and sent over to the house.
- IndyGo has been working with the legislators and received confirmation from the FTA that the BRT lines are not corridor projects but fixed guideway projects.
- To receive the FTA Funds IndyGo must achieve dedicated bus lanes.
- Amendment was made House Bill 1191 Blue and Purple lines would have required IndyGo to handle utility relocations. This is not the case, IndyGo nor any other entity has ever been required to pay for utility relocations for projects underway.
- This amendment would have cost IndyGo upwards of \$20,000,000.00 which would have canceled future BRT projects.
- The language was stripped away from the bill a few days before the session ended.
- IndyGo was not on the hook for something that has never been required before.
- Member of our team, CEO Inez Evans and V.P. of Infrastructure Jennifer Pysz and a few others have been in conversation with Senator Freeman; however, Senator Freeman was in objection.
- Organizations that stepped up to advocate for public transportation at the state house were the following: AARP, Indy Gateway, West Side chamber, Indy Chamber, Cook Medical, Indy DPW, Indianapolis International Airport, Good Will Industries, United Way, Restaurant Lodging Assoc., and many others supported at the State Legislative session.

Jennifer Pyrz/ V.P. of Infrastructure

- BRT progress purple line
- Upcoming Grant is expected to be presented by the FTA in June or July
- Once received IndyGo will advertise for contractor bids- Make take several months for this process.
- October- November timeframe IndyGo should have selected a contractor.
- Construction may not start in October.
- May not see construction break until early spring next year.
- Senate bill did slow the process down.
- IndyGo is starting the utility relocation portion of the project in the next coming weeks/ Early June.
- Public meetings planned for Aug-Sep once Grant is granted by the FTA.
- Want to give at least 6-8 weeks' time before construction to give the most accurate information.
- Blue line- IndyGo has gotten back into the design after the Senate Bill slowed things up.
- Purple Line expected to be this winter finishing up in 2024.
- Blue Line construction expected at the end of 2024, so the two projects won't overlap.
- Blue Line is expected to take about two years to complete as well.

Leslie Gordon/ Director of Public Affairs

- Vaccination clinic launched at the East Campus.
- Vaccination clinic is on a fixed route and can be attended by using the route 87.
- Two days a week the clinic is open until 7pm.
- The Clinic on the East side is a permanent clinic and not a pop-up.
- Appointments to the clinic is preferred but you can walk in for an appointment.

Mike Roth/ Senior Director of Mobility Solution

- Transdev Job fair has been conducted last Friday and Saturday.
- Transdev Job fair was conducted at the South West sport Center @ 901 Shelby.
- Corporate HR from Transdev (Laura) attended the job fair.
- 9 drivers were Hired
- 2 Dispatchers – Hired
- 1 CSR – Hired
- The amount of Human resources Transdev has impacts service.
- Indianapolis Urban league has a Preferred Employee Program where they work with various employers in various industries to create a pipeline. They Target individuals who need the following:
- Unemployment, Underemployment, incarceration, and to create self-sufficiency.
- They train Individuals on work ethic, resume training, customer service, and interviewing training.
- 10-day course once individuals graduate PEP reached out to preferred employers – as Transdev has made this connection this should hopefully provide some of the human resources needed.
- Everything is currently being done to recruit new drivers and other staff members.
- Plaques were granted to be placed on the doors of supervisor vans- Magnetic signs.
- Currently 25 drivers short.
- 11 are currently in training.
- Anyone interested in working for Transdev can apply online.
- Another job fair will be held 6-16-2021 @ Crooked Creek Community Center.

- In the next couple of weeks, the additional unemployment is going the Cease according to Mayor Hogsett.
- Prediction is that people will be heading back to work with the decrease in extra unemployment funds ending.
- Nationwide there is a shortage in employers finding employees.
- Closure to the North split is causing traffic congestion which is causing an impact in our service.
- IndyGo Released a new Paratransit RFP.
- Currently looking for a provider that can provide the Paratransit service with current RFP.

Ryan Wilhite/ Manager of Special Project & Regional Mobility Integration

- Task force in still in action.
- Stakeholder meetings have been conducted.
- Draft of the minutes discussed in the community & Stakeholder meeting will be finalized soon.
- Updates have been given to the board to share progress with these discussions held.
- Information has been gathered from the public on what's working with the beyond ADA talk.

Teresa Franklin/ Manager of Mobilities Service

- Ecolane App
- New App has been launched for testing- some MAC members have been a part of this testing phase.
- User friendly is the feedback so far.
- Canceling rides/ Scheduling rides are a few features that can be used by users.

Roll out phase will include the ok by Mobility team to vendor -Ecolane, placed on website, and an IVR message will be sent out to riders.