**Bus Riders of Saskatoon**

**May 16, 2022 – 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Zoom Video Conference**

Facilitator: Curt Recorder: Robert Regrets: Bob, Doug (leave of absence)

Present: Dominic, Jenn, Sherry, James, Peter, Donna, Scott, Deb., Lila, Stevie. Guest: Greg from Regina Citizens Public Transit Coalition

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Finalization of Agenda.

3. Review of minutes of April 14, 2022 meeting.

4. Date & time for next meeting: Monday June 20, 2022 at 7:00 pm

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Liveable YXE – in progress

5.2 Downtown Business Association Videos – Robert had a discussion with Brent Penner to open lines of communication

5.3 On Demand – Soft Launch – delayed until June(?) – Robert will put out a call for volunteers when more detail is known

6. Correspondence

6.1 Take Action Against Covid – message received in support of our

position at Council on masking

7. Facebook/Website Issues

7.1 Facebook - Recent Themes: Regina Transit Master Plan, service hour reminders, historical interest, specific route issues, masks on Transit, accessibility, farebox and scanner issues, Transit promotions, fare free transit, OnDemand, service announcements and alerts, signage, information from other cities, gas prices, fare avoiders, drivers leaving before passengers

Discussion: Should we have an Instagram Account? It was suggested that this would reach out to a younger audience.

Discussion: How best to address issues that come up on our FB page?

* We encourage people to report some of these issues using the online Customer Feedback form but we seldom hear if they have received a satisfactory response and of course Transit is unable to share these specific interactions with us.

GUEST PRESENTATION: TRANSIT SIGNAGE: Dominic Tran

* Lots of questions and discussions about signage and way finding in Saskatoon
* Dominic has a blog “More Than Transit” on Instagram – will be posted on his YouTube channel
* Agreed that we need to try to ensure that signage issues are addressed when Transit redesigns the routes as part of BRT implementation

8. City of Saskatoon Meetings

8.1 Report on May 9th meeting – minutes forthcoming

8.2 Next meeting: Monday June 13th at 2:30

8.2.1 Agenda Items: Key performance indicators, schedule and route changes – what is happening and how is it going to be communicated,

8.2.2 Attendees: Peter, Robert, Curt, Sherry,

9. Standing Policy Committee on Transportation (SPCOT)

9.1 Meeting: May 2, 2022

9.1.1 No Transit items

9.2 Next SPCOT Meeting: Monday, June 6th, 2022 at 2:00 pm

10. City Council Meeting – April 25

10.1 Review of Masking Requirement

* Mandatory masking extended for another month – Council unanimous in support
* Twelve letters received by Council in support
* Next meeting (and masking policy review) – May 24th – our action dependent upon Administration’s recommendations

10.2 Service Disruptions/Cancellations

- City Auditor to undertake an inquiry – terms of reference to be

presented to Council in June

11. Education Session: Peter: Online demo showing BRT traffic flow.

- This showed how bus and other traffic flow will work from Preston and College to the University Bridge, down 25th Street and then left onto 1st Avenue

- Peter demonstrated the concepts of signalization control, transit priority signals, exclusive runways, counter flow and queue jumping which will allow buses to move quickly along this portion of the BRT route

12. Access Transit – Bob/Sydney – no report

13. Keep Transit Moving Coalition (Robert)

13.1 Report on last meeting: Tuesday April 26, 2022

- Discussion of ‘platform’ for Ontario Election

- Added G. Forman from Regina Citizens Public Transit Coalition to

BRS mailing list

13.2 Next Meeting: Tuesday May 24 that 4:00 pm ET.

14. Ongoing Actions

14.1 Councillor Meetings

13.1.1 – Jeffries – BRS members met with him on April 28th

13.1.2 – Next Councillor – Dubois?

14.2 MLA Meeting? – Bob E.

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15. Other Business

16. Adjournment

Group Norms

All people are explicitly welcome and respected in our meetings and we will strive to include and represent the interests and varying perspectives of riders. We appreciate that we are all volunteers and that we are all learning and doing the best we can in our roles. We bring different life experiences and values to the table but what we share is a desire to work for positive change in our transit system. We aim to achieve changes in the short-term while keeping a long-view in mind and agree to engage constructively and respectfully and not just within the group but also with decision-makers, the media and the general public.

In meetings, we agree to keep comments respectful and brief and respect the role of the meeting facilitator(s) who may need to cut us off from time to time to keep the conversation on track and on time. We will avoid tangents and side-bar conversations and speak one at a time. We will do our best to be accountable for what we take on and will try not to let each other down. If we have committed to a task and can’t complete it in a timely manner, we agree that we will pass the task to someone else in the group. When we feel someone is not abiding by these norms, we will gently let them know. Repeated violations of the group norms by any member will be brought to the group to discuss.