

Transit Element Subcommittee

Meeting Summary for Feb 24, 2020, Meeting

Members Present

James Bradley
Dale Calvert
Carolyn Campbell
Melvin Cohen
Diane Shifflett
Jack Swiergol

Members Absent

Arlan Colton
Roger Cracraft
Chuck Dorr

Staff Lead

James McGinnis

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Mr. McGinnis at 1:32 p.m. followed by introductions.

2. Call to Audience

None.

3. Review Weekday Evening Bus Service Expansion subelement options of Transit element and establish preliminary goals and objectives

As an introduction, Mr. McGinnis provided an overview of the agenda and explained that the subcommittee would be discussing each Transit subelement and current investment levels. Then the subcommittee will make recommendations on the investment levels and determine if changes need to be made to expand or reduce service and/or investment levels.

Mr. McGinnis provided an overview of the weekday evening Bus Service Expansion subelement. The information included details regarding the weekend expansion service route maps, expenditures and projections for the expansion service through FY 2026, the transit survey data from the 2019 Sun Tran On-board Survey Non-Rider survey, Long-Range Regional Transit Plan surveys, Choices survey and Priorities survey. It was noted that the information from the surveys informs PAG's planning process and provides public input on the current transit system.

The subcommittee discussed the current investment for the Weekday Evening Bus Service Expansion, and it was noted the funding allocated for the subelement is \$2.27 million, approximately 8.7 percent of the total transit element.

No action was taken at this time.

4. Review Weekend Bus Service Expansion subelement options of Transit element and establish preliminary goals and objectives

Mr. McGinnis provided an overview of the current Weekend Bus Service Expansion subelement. The subcommittee discussed the current investment for the Weekend Bus Service Expansion, and it was noted that the funding for the subelement is \$1.29 million, approximately 5 percent of the total transit element.

No action was taken at this time.

5. Review Bus Frequency and Area Expansion subelement options of Transit element and establish preliminary goals and objectives

Mr. McGinnis provided an overview of the Bus Frequency and Area Expansion subelement. The subcommittee discussed the current investment for the subelement, and it was noted that the funding is \$ 6.46 million, approximately 24.8 percent of the total transit element.

The subcommittee requested that the bus frequency and area expansion subelement be separated into two subelements, one for the bus frequency and one for the area expansion.

No action was taken at this time.

6. Review Special Needs Transit for Elderly and Disabled Citizens subelement options of Transit element and establish preliminary goals and objectives

Mr. McGinnis provided an overview of the Special Needs Transit for Elderly and Disabled Citizens subelement. The subcommittee discussed the current investment for the subelement, and it was noted that the funding is \$9.56 million, approximately 36.7 percent of the total transit element.

Additional discussion and clarification were provided on the special needs services and if demands were being met with the current service. It was stated that this service is required for all fixed-route transit providers under the Americans with Disabilities Act and is based on need.

No action was taken at this time.

7. Review Neighborhood Circulator Bus Systems subelement options of Transit element and establish preliminary goals and objectives

Mr. McGinnis provided an overview of the Neighborhood Circulator Bus Systems subelement. The subcommittee discussed the current investment for the subelement, and it was noted that the funding is \$3.23 million, approximately 12.4 percent of the total transit element.

No action was taken at this time.

8. Review Express Service Expansion subelement options of Transit element and establish preliminary goals and objectives

Mr. McGinnis provided an overview of the Express Service Expansion subelement. The subcommittee discussed the current investment for the subelement, and it was noted that the funding is \$1.87 million, approximately 7.2 percent of the total transit element.

No action was taken at this time.

9. Review High-Capacity Transit subelement options of Transit element and establish preliminary goals and objectives

Mr. McGinnis provided an overview of the High-Capacity Transit subelement. The subcommittee discussed the current investment for the subelement, and it was noted the annual operations agreed-upon payment is \$1.2 million (based on a one-time lump sum of \$12.7 million toward startup operations). The payment is approximately 4.6 percent of the total transit element.

No action was taken at this time.

10. Review Park & Ride Transit Centers subelement options of Transit element and establish preliminary goals and objectives

Mr. McGinnis reviewed the Park & Ride Transit Centers subelement. He noted that the subelement is budgeted, and the Park & Ride Centers are processed through the PAG/RTA Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA's) process. It was noted that the funding allocated is \$120K, approximately half of 1 percent of the total transit element.

No action was taken at this time.

11. Review any additional subelements to be considered and establish preliminary goals and objectives

No action was taken at this time.

Please reference the links below for additional information on the Sun Tran On-board Survey, the RTA Transit Element presentation and PAG's Long-Range Regional Transit Plan.

For more information, the 2019 Sun Tran On-board Survey is available for review on the City of Tucson website: [2019 Sun Tran On-Board Survey](#).

For more information, the RTA Transit Element presentation is available for review on the RTA website: [Transit Element–Transit Presentation](#).

For more information, the Long-Range Regional Transit Plan (LR RTP) is available for review on the PAG website: <https://pagregion.com/lrrtp.html>.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.