

Johnson County Paratransit Advisory Board

Minutes

August 12, 2011

Johnson County Admin. Bldg

Present:

Members: Nancy Ostrognai, Vicky Robrock, Janelle Rettig, Marc Rahe

Ex-Officio: Roger Goedken

Others: Tom Brase, SEATS Director, Angie Conard

Absent:

Members: Connie Champion, Lynne Stamus, Terry Dickens, Pat Harney

Ex-Officio: Ann Trotter, Dion Williams

Others:

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1. Call to order - 11:10 a.m.
 2. Chairperson's Report
None
 3. Director's Report
 - a. Cameras on vehicles:

Approved for them, got a 50/50 grant (we pay 50% and the government pays 50%). Some drivers are concerned on what will be watched. SEATS will be looking for specific incidents, not just watching them. Camera will be located in two areas inside the bus and two on the outside. The cameras will be for precaution and liabilities.
Still waiting to see if Iowa City will pay for any of the costs. Cost is \$3,600 per vehicle and they have an approximate life span of five years.
Discussion on using BONGO and how the system works.
 - b. No Shows:

3,728 or 3.31%. Number is slightly higher but the percentage is lower because of the increase in the number of trips.
 - c. 112,558 trips in FY11 over 8,000 more than F10:

7% increase.
 - d. No denials for ADA paratransit service:

Iowa City is adding more riders but the 7% increase seems to be current riders using the system more.
We have four vehicles with over 190,000 miles on them. User life is 130,000 miles. There is a list for replacements, we are getting closer to getting them replaced through state funding.
 - e. Delays in service:

Factors are no shows, person not ready, disruption in service (Railroad crossing), no staff, and can't leave person alone with no staff present.
 4. Old Business

Approval of last meeting's minutes by Roger, second by Nancy.

5. New Business

Concern about members not attending meetings. Iowa City has two representatives, Coralville has one, and two Johnson County riders. It was brought up that Iowa City needs to be contacted and ask if they would like to put someone else on the committee.

6. Open Discussion – Additional trips in 2013. Ridership jumped about 7% this year. The new phone system rolls to another phone so we are taking more calls that were missed before. Same day rides are hard to get because we are booked full every day.

7. Next meeting: Possible dates are Nov 1 or Nov 8.

8. Adjourn 11:57 by Janelle, second by Vicky.