

Transportation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes Record

February 4, 2019

Members Present

Bruce Croissant
Darin Barrett
Dave Martinez
Greg Netzner (Alt)
Jim Paulmeno
Kimberly Baker
Councilor Kathi Wright
Mayor Jacki Marsh

Members Absent

Irene Fortune
Sal Gomez

City Staff Present

Candice Folkers
Brenda Browning
Jeff Bailey
Katie Guthrie
Dave Priddy
Terry Cook
Johnathon Sweeney
Ryan Hornung

Citizens Present

Leah Carter, YAC

Meeting called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Chair Dave Martinez

Minutes for the January 7, 2019 Meeting Record – approved

Introductions/Public Comment – Leah Carter, YAC. Will be attending TAB meetings as a representative from the Youth Advisory Commission. Will be sharing information at future meetings.

Regular Agenda Items

(Order of discussion items reversed)

2019 Bike to Work Day and Bike Month Overview – Katie Guthrie, City of Loveland Transportation Planner

A kick-off meeting for Bike to Work Day/Month is scheduled for tomorrow, February 6th. This year, staff will be partnering with the DDA. (Downtown Development Authority) June 26, 2019 is Bike to Work Day and the entire month of June is Bike to Work Month. As before, many activities will be planned throughout the month. Some of the most popular activities have included the art tours by bike, the architectural and history tour by bike and bike bingo. There will also be the Bike to Work 8-week challenge. More details on the events will be shared with the Board in future meetings.

City of Loveland Snow Plow Operations – Dave Priddy, City of Loveland Streets & Stormwater Maintenance Superintendent

Dave Priddy escorts board members to the Public Works building garage area where Board members receive an overview of the City's snow removal operations. Equipment on display includes a snowplow with wing plow, a de-icing tanker truck and a pickup plow with spreader attachment. Attendees are invited to sit in this equipment and learn how it is used in a snow event. Dave and four crew supervisors: Terry Cook, Johnathon Sweeney and Ryan Hornung, answered numerous questions for all attendees. Members were then led back to the meeting room to reconvene.

Action Items

Motion to support City of Loveland Transit's proposal to seek authority to execute and manage FTA funding grants or cooperative agreements directly as discussed.

Dave Martinez motions, Bruce Croissant seconds, all approve.

Staff Report

Candice Folkers provides COLT monthly update. (attached)

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Candice explains Fixed Route number shows a slight decrease in ridership in December. This was to be expected as many riders were checking out the new routes in November. Overall, ridership in December was up 17% over December of last year. Paratransit numbers were down 6.5% in 2018. This decrease can be attributed to residents moving away and those who no longer require this specialized service. Fixed route ridership is financially more appealing than that of Paratransit and a decrease is not a concern. The Transit route software contract is in process and updates will be shared at a later meeting. Google Transit is now complete. This new tool will be available for customer use as soon as it is published. The bus shelter contract is out for proposal as our current contract expires in April. This new contract will incorporate all maintenance needs of the shelters including painting and snow removal. A clause has been added asking vendors to recommend shelter improvements relating to art. Katie Guthrie adds that 3 shelters are located very near Loveland High Schools and riders suggested painting them in school colors for example. The Visual Arts Commission is interested in learning the outcome of this proposal process as well. Proposals are advertised in many areas including the Reporter Herald, BidNet and individually by previous vendor inquiry. The amount of advertising on buses will be restricted in this new contract. City of Loveland buses will be more identifiable than before. No overall wraps will be permitted.

Jeff Bailey reports the Wilson Avenue project is on schedule and should still be completed in spring. The medians are in and the parking area is currently being constructed. There will be walls built along the ditch in the City's right of way. Jeff also mentions there have been no issues as of yet due to the Namaqua Road closure. The City is continuing to monitor traffic flows in this area. Jeff is happy to report the intersection of Highway 34 and Wilson Avenue is now open after numerous water breaks in that stretch of road. Many projects are wrapping up in the City with several others in the design stage at this time.

Council Report

Councilor Kathi Wright reports Council will review a supplemental appropriation for the addition of two Police officers for schools. There will also be an item requesting a Tri-Point Oil & Gas incentive. Councilor Wright adds the Council retreat was held last Saturday. Councilors discussed the potential .5% tax increase. Surveys will be conducted asking residents their thoughts about the increase and the list of projects to be built if passed. Encourages all residents to reach out to their Councilors with their opinions.

Jeff further mentions that the Taft Widening project is moving forward. The Highway 34 and Taft intersection will have turn lanes added and several houses will be demolished this month. The project is complete up to 11th Street with construction moving north through the intersection up to Albertson's. The third phase will go north of Albertson's to 29th Street. No design work has been started as of yet.

The Highway 34 widening project is still on track and will go from Denver Avenue to Boyd Lake Drive. Due to additional savings, staff is cautiously optimistic east bound and west bound can be completed this year. This project will be multi-modal with detached sidewalks.

Mayor Jacki Marsh mentions she recently attended a meeting in Fort Collins about the prospects of a drone port located at Christman Field. This was an interesting topic and contemplates how it would fit into our airport.

Board Member Reports:

Darin Barrett – Comments that many residents don't realize the Namaqua Bridge is in the county. Also mentions he heard a local radio station report that 29% of drivers like roundabouts.

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Greg Netzner – Asks if there are guidelines for tree trimming in roundabouts. Jeff responds there are and growth is to be trimmed to original design. It is not necessary to see “through” the roundabout, as many believe.

Kimberly Baker – Reports she has been attending the YAC meetings as the TAB Liaison. Four Commissioners have volunteered to be transit ambassadors and would like to assist in plan updates. They have also suggested better signage to the Transit Center and painting of bus shelters.

Jim Paulmeno – Asks if there are any planned improvements for 57th and Taft? Jeff informs there are plans underway. Signal poles will be moved and all crossings will be improved as well.

Bruce Croissant – Asks if there has been any problem with Flex funding. Candice reports this item went before Council and has been approved. There are no issues.

Dave Martinez - None

Adjourn 5:33 p.m.



Transportation Advisory Board Monthly Update – February 2019

FTA Funding – Action Item

Overview

COLT will be seeking approval of a resolution by the Loveland City Council authorizing COLT to execute and file applications, certifications, assurances and other required documentation for assistance from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in the form of grants or cooperative agreements.

History

Prior to 2013 COLT was a direct recipient of FTA funding. In 2013 COLT lost its Transit Manager and an interim was selected, however, COLT was unable to update all the required compliance documents and was therefore unable to continue as a direct recipient.

In 2014 the City of Loveland entered into a funding exchange with the City of Fort Collins giving Fort Collins the responsibility for grant management while COLT continued with National Transit Database reporting and the effort to update the required compliance documents.

Last year it came to light that a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant which was awarded to Loveland had the funding flexed to the FTA for management of the grant. Due to the funding agreement with Fort Collins COLT was unable to access the funding which created the need for COLT to regain its status as a direct recipient of FTA funding.

Action Item

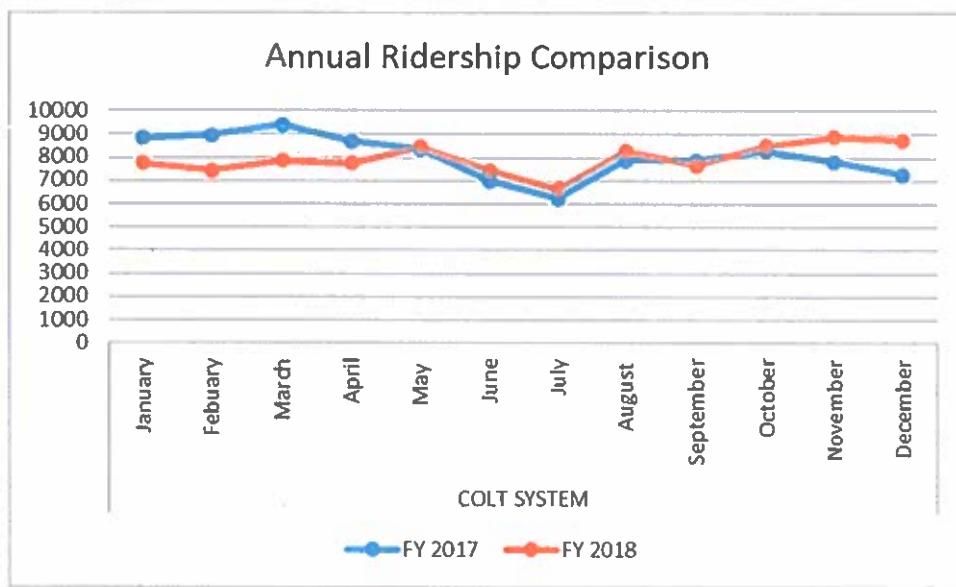
COLT now feels that they are in a place to return to being a direct recipient due to leadership and operational changes as well as the completed updates to the required compliance documents. COLT is seeking the support of the TAB to move forward with requesting approval of the resolution from City Council.



COLT Annual Ridership Update

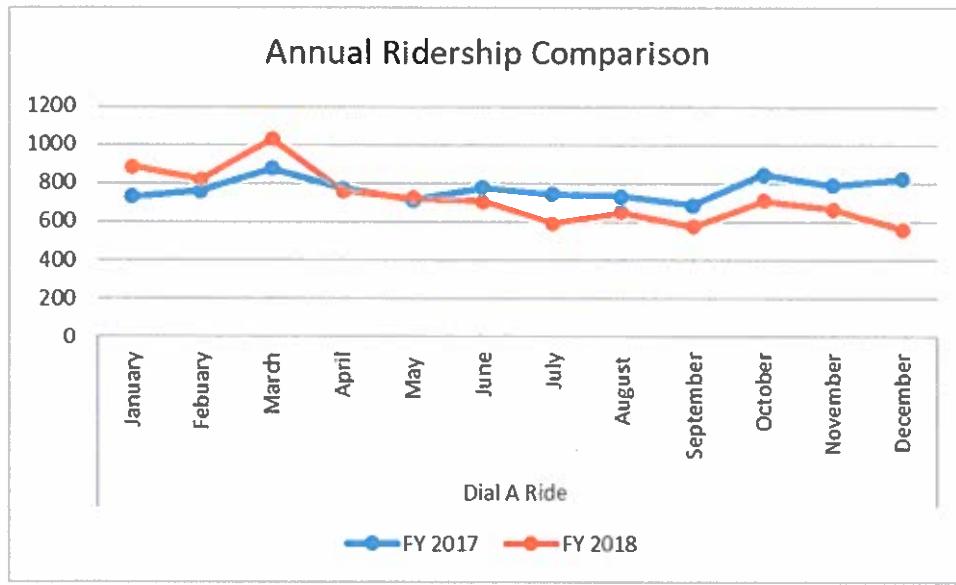
Fixed Route

December ridership declined 1.5% over November 2018 and was up 17% over December 2017



Paratransit

Annually Paratransit ridership is down 6.5%,







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