

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
CITY OF PHOENIX  
CITIZENS TRANSIT COMMISSION**

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the **CITY OF PHOENIX CITIZENS TRANSIT COMMISSION** and to the general public, that the **CITIZENS TRANSIT COMMISSION** will hold a meeting open to the public on **February 4, 2010, at 7:30 a.m. located in the Conference Room, 4th Floor, Public Transit Building, 302 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona.**

One or more commission members may participate via teleconference. Agenda items may be taken out of order.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1.	<b>Call to Order</b>	Chairperson Aylsworth
2.	<b>Approval of the minutes of the January 7, 2010 meeting.</b>  <i><b>This item is for information, discussion and possible action.</b></i>	Commission Members Page 3
Item 3 is for information only; no discussion is planned. Items 4 & 5 are for information and discussion.		
3.	<b>Response to Commissioner Request</b> This report provides an update to a question posed by Commissioner Rochelle at the January 7, 2010 meeting regarding the potential savings by reducing Dial-A-Ride hours of operation to match local fixed route service. <i><b>This item is for information only.</b></i>	Page 7 Est: 0 minutes
4.	<b>Chairperson's Report</b> This item provides the Chairperson with an opportunity to provide an update on transit-related issues and other housekeeping items. <i><b>This item is for information and discussion.</b></i>	Chairperson Aylsworth Est: 10 minutes
5.	<b>Legislative Update</b> Staff from the Office of Government Relations will provide a legislative update.  <i><b>This item is for information and discussion.</b></i>	Tom Remes Government Relations Est: 10 minutes Verbal Update

Item 6 is for information, discussion and possible action as detailed. Item 7 is for information and discussion.		
6.	<p><b>Budget Update</b>  Staff will provide an update on the budget – information only. In addition, Citizens Transit Commission members will have an opportunity to vote on a statement that, if approved, may be used at the community budget hearings scheduled in February – possible action.  <i><b>This item is for information, discussion and possible action as detailed above.</b></i></p>	Debbie Cotton / Lauri Wingenroth Est: 30 minutes Page 9
7.	<p><b>Public Transit Director’s Report</b>  This item gives the Public Transit Director an opportunity to discuss issues and accomplishments with the commission members.  <i><b>This item is for information and discussion.</b></i></p>	Debbie Cotton Est: 10 minutes
8.	<p><b>Call to the Public</b>  Consideration, discussion, and concerns from the public. Those wishing to address the Subcommittee need not request permission in advance. Action taken as a result of the public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or rescheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.</p>	Chairperson Aylsworth
9.	<p><b>Request for Future Agenda Items</b></p>	Chairperson Aylsworth
10.	<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	Chairperson Aylsworth

For further information, please call Melissa Sweinhagen, Management Assistant III, Public Transit Department at 602-262-1823.

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For reasonable accommodations, call Melissa Sweinhagen at Voice/602-262-1823 or TTY/602-495-0936 as early as possible to coordinate needed arrangements.

January 29, 2010

**CITY OF PHOENIX  
CITIZENS TRANSIT COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 7, 2010**

Public Transit Department  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue

Commission Present	Public Present	Staff Present
Aylsworth, Aaron Chair	Hillary Foose	Rebecca Zaudtke
Dalager, Rob	Bryan Jungwirth	Melissa Sweinhagen
Hart, John	John Farry	Debbie Cotton
Hunter, Yvonne	Dianne Barker	Lauri Wingenroth
Miller, Maizie		Joe Bowar
Rees, Julie		Mary Ling
Ricardo, Mia		Reed Caldwell
Robinson, Rick		Connie Randall
Rochelle, Marvin		Gabriel Peiz
		Blair Proctor
		Kini Knudson
		Dora Garcia
		Don Phillips
		Marie Chapple
		Jorge Luna
		Nancy Steptoe

Commission Absent
Blair, Phil
Nance, David
Whalen, Tom

1. Call to Order  
Chairperson Aylsworth called the meeting to order at 7:44 am.
2. Approval of November 5, 2009 minutes  
Minutes approved unanimously.

3. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Aylsworth mentioned his recent presentation to the City Council Transportation, Infrastructure and Sustainability Subcommittee on the progress of the CTC. Secondly, he mentioned the budget hearings would be scheduled for February. Thirdly, Commissioner Aylsworth confirmed with Ms. Sweinhagen, Public Transit Department (PTD), that it is the intention of the CTC to take public comment on items before a vote on that item whenever possible.

4. Rider Satisfaction Survey 2009 – Information on Employed Phoenix Riders

There were no questions and no presentation was provided. No action.

5. Optional Bus/Rail Pass Program

Mr. Gabe Peiz, PTD, provided a brief verbal presentation on this item. He stated that Dial-A-Ride (DAR) is intended to be a 'safety net' for those disabled individuals who cannot use fixed route service.

Commissioner Rochelle commented that every time someone uses bus instead of Dial-A-Ride, there is a savings so he supports a free bus/rail pass to DAR users. He also stated that he was going to City Council Subcommittee to provide this input.

Commissioner Hunter stated she was concerned Commissioner Rochelle was going to speak on behalf of the CTC when not specifically authorized to do so. Commissioner Rochelle clarified that he would be speaking as a private citizen.

8:05 a.m. Commissioner Hart enters.

Commissioner Dalager asked if the unknown costs were the reason for staff not supporting the free bus/rail pass. Mr. Peiz responded in the affirmative.

Debbie Cotton, Public Transit Director, added that the department is trying to get back to the federal mandates for what services and what levels are required. In addition, she stated that the department cannot afford to provide service that is not required and that other cities around the country have had to follow the same practice.

Chairperson Aylsworth asked for public comment on this item. Ms. Dianne Barker stated that she supported Commissioner Rochelle's comments and that the free bus/rail pass would help people with disabilities get around. She also stated that the three years it would take to get everyone certified through the ADA in-person assessment program seems like red tape.

Commissioner Hunter stated that she is sympathetic to those who rely on public assistance, but she supports staff's position to not provide the free pass. In

addition, Commissioner Hunter recognized staff's efforts to help manage costs as everyone is feeling the same pain.

6. Public Transit Stimulus Program Update

Kini Knudson, PTD, provided a brief verbal update on the projects that are being funded through American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds.

8:30 a.m. Commissioner Robinson steps out.

8:31 a.m. He returns.

8:33 a.m. Commissioner Miller steps out.

8:35 a.m. She returns.

Commissioner Dalager asked if any money had been spent or received yet. Mr. Knudson responded that some funds had been expended. Lauri Wingenroth, Assistant Public Transit Director, added that the department is reimbursed after spending the funds.

8:41 a.m. Commissioner Hart steps out.

7. Budget Update

Ms. Wingenroth, PTD, provided a brief powerpoint on the budget situation.

8:43 a.m. Commissioner Hart returns.

Ms. Cotton mentioned that the department is close to finalizing negotiations for the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the North and South Transit Operating Facilities of out which 70% of Phoenix service is operated. In addition, Ms. Cotton stated that proposed transit budget cuts will be included in the information provided at the citywide budget hearings February 10-24. Finally, Ms. Cotton reminded the commissioners that they could choose to craft and vote on a statement to be used at the community budget hearings.

Chairperson Aylsworth asked commission members if they were interested in providing input for a statement to please contact Ms. Sweinhagen, PTD.

Chairperson Aylsworth asked for public comment on this item. Ms. Dianne Barker stated she has heard about the proposed budget cuts and believes the city shouldn't have anything it cannot maintain.

8. Call to the Public

Ms. Dianne Barker stated that she believed ADOT has transportation oversight and felt that they may have overlooked Phoenix.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items

\* Rochelle – Cost of reducing DAR hours from 5:00 a.m. – midnight to 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

\* Aylsworth – 6 months of ADA in-person assessment certification when available.

9:18 a.m. Commissioner Hunter steps out.

9:20 a.m. She returns.

\* Rees – Legislative Update.

\* Hunter – METRO Audit Update when available.

\* Robinson – long-term service planning (especially in N. Valley) when available.

10. Adjournment

The Citizens Transit Commission meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Sweinhagen  
Management Assistant III

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**CITIZENS TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT**

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TO: Citizens Transit Commission  
Members

FROM: Debbie Cotton  
Public Transit Director

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO COMMISSIONER REQUEST

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This report responds to a question posed by Commissioner Rochelle at the January 7, 2010 Citizens Transit Commission meeting. Commissioner Rochelle asked about the savings that could be realized if Dial-A-Ride hours of operation were reduced to 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. to match local fixed route bus operating hours.

Dial-A-Ride currently operates from 5:00 a.m. until midnight which is beyond the federal mandate of matching the hours of local fixed route service.

If this reduction were approved by City Council, a total savings of \$287,000 would be realized for 2009-10 (\$57,000) and 2010-11 (\$230,000), net of revenue. It would eliminate 6,450 service hours per year and impact an average of 14 trips per day. This reduction, if approved, would be effective April 5, 2010.

**RECOMMENDATION**

This item is for information only.

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**CITIZENS TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT**

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TO: Citizens Transit Commission  
Members

FROM: Melissa Sweinhagen  
Management Assistant III

SUBJECT: CITIZENS TRANSIT COMMISSION STATEMENT – COMMUNITY  
BUDGET HEARINGS

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As commission members, you may choose to craft and adopt a statement to be used at the upcoming community budget hearings. Please see below for the draft statement provided by Commissioner Hunter for your review and consideration.

**DRAFT STATEMENT**

"The Phoenix Citizens Transit Commission recognizes that the City of Phoenix budget constraints impact all segments of the City's services, including its transit-related services. The Commission supports budget changes that have the least impact on those citizens who must rely upon Phoenix transit systems, in particular citizens who are disabled, or otherwise limited in their transportation options. The Commission encourages the consideration of budget options that will allow Phoenix-area workers to have access to transportation options to and from their places of employment and that any limitations on transportation services allow for immediate response should funding for transportation become available."

**RECOMMENDATION**

This item is for information, discussion and possible action.