

The St Cloud Metro Bus Rider Advisory Committee (RAC) held a meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. at the Mobility Training Center, 700 W. St. Germain St., St Cloud, MN

The following individuals were in attendance: Tom Cruikshank, Debbie Anderson, Kim Hoff, David Williamsen, Brenda Severson, and Janice Sims (arrived at 12:15 p.m.).

1. Welcome:

Debbie asked if anyone needed bus passes.

2. RAC Email:

We received one email. It was from Dubow Textile, they are located on Lincoln Avenue, and they were wondering about service. Tom stated that he responded to them. Service to that area is currently in Phase 3 of the Long Range Plan. He mentioned it could possibly be moved up. Brenda asked since the business is asking for the service, can they help pay for the extra cost for service? Tom stated that they pay property taxes already.

3. Open Discussion: Nothing

4. Chair and Vice Chair Appointments:

Anne is vice chair and the chair position is open because the current chairperson has left the group. Brenda indicated she is interested in the chairperson position, as well as David. Tom felt there needs to be a quorum (which is 5) to have a vote. It was decided to send out an email to everyone asking them to vote between Brenda and David. Results will be announced at the next meeting.

5. New Business:

Tom presented information on the new routes. We just finished final timetables last week. The changes include:

#5 – The bus will be staying on University, then into SCSU.

#6/7 – The bus will go through Shopko/CashWise, the original proposal was to not go inside the parking lot and use the Frontage Rd to save time, but after testing we still weren't saving the time we needed. We are extending the routes from 30 minutes to 45 minutes, allowing more time to be more effective with our on-time performance. By doing that we will continue to go into the Shopko parking lot, continue servicing current streets, and add Cedar Square apartments on both routes, seven days a week.

#8 & 9 – We are going to leave route 9 like it is today. We will not use Wilson Avenue inbound, will use Riverside Drive SE instead in both directions. Route 8 is new. It will be serving 27th Street SE/Highland apartments.

#11 – Has not changed since original proposal.

#5 – There was some discussion on route 5 traveling on Waite Avenue. Tom added a note to look at changing it on the outbound to serve CashWise.

#33 – Has not changed since original proposal.

#12 – Change in how La Paz area is serviced.

There was discussion on not printing a new system map for the public because they just don't use them, and they become outdated quickly. We would maybe just create a basic system map that we can use for agencies and for our own use.

A trip planner will be included on the new website in August.

Six new Dial-A-Ride buses will be coming in late summer, with hopefully 5 more coming by winter.

Janice asked about Route #9.

Another change to the fixed route is that the transfer will be good for 2 hours and not just a one-time use.

6. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.