
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

IMU CHARTER ROOM

7PM

OCTOBER 15, 2012

Members Present – Ray Vanlanot, Elliot Cheek, Elliott Trosky, Sarah Williams, Sarah Wells, Jennie Oliver, Zach Haller, Perry Maull

Staff Present – Brian Noojin, Dan Leathers, Ben Thureau, Jordan Allen

Guests Present—Jonathan Cox and Mahasweta Baxipatra

MINUTES

1. Call to Order – Chair Vanlanot called the meeting to order at 7PM
2. Introductions of Members, Staff, and Guests—two guest were present: Jonathan Cox (Apartment and Family Student Council) and Mahasweta Baxipatra (Redbud Apartments representative)
3. Approval of Agenda—Agenda approved with no changes by unanimous consent.
4. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting on September 17, 2012—Minutes approved by unanimous consent.
5. Ridership Report (Information Item)—Perry Maull and Ben Thureau presented the ridership report. Notably, average ridership has declined due to construction rerouting, while D route ridership doubled for September, likely due to the addition of an extra bus.
6. First Quarter FY 2013 Financial Report (Information Item)—Perry Maull presented the financial report for the first quarter of FY 2013. Maull explained that revenue is down for the first time since he began his tenure as Operations Manager six years ago. While the long term impact is uncertain, the decline is not an immediate problem.
7. E Route Revisions (Discussion Item)—Jonathan Cox and Mahasweta Baxipatra expressed the dissatisfaction and concerns of their constituents regarding the reduction of busses on the E route. They expressed concerns about health, convenience, and overcrowding during peak times, noting that 80-90% of their constituents rely on the bus service. A petition of signatures was presented and both representatives expressed concern over not being adequately informed about route changes prior to the beginning of the semester, and lack of official representation on the STB. CBS and the STB agreed to work with the representatives in finding a viable solution—possibly including additional passes through the Evermann area during critical times. The possibility of STB membership will also be discussed.

8. Committee for Fee Review (Discussion Item)—proposals were discussed.
9. Bus Unification (Discussion Item)—Chair Vanlanot summarized the outcome of a meeting with Auxiliary Services personnel regarding the proposed unification of CBS with Bloomington Transit. Vanlanot expressed dissatisfaction at the lack of student input and transparency, particularly relating to the “arbitrarily” determined 1 million dollar fee that is paid to BT by IU annually. Ultimately, Vanlanot remarked that the current merger proposal lacked “teeth” and is unlikely to succeed in its current state.
10. Comments by Members and Guests—No additional comments were made.
11. Adjournment at 7:50 PM