

# **Beeline Bus Transit Advisory Committee**

## **Draft Meeting Minutes**

Regular Meeting – Friday, March 4, 2022, at 12:00 Noon

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the Beeline Bus Transit Advisory Committee and to the general public that a Regular Meeting of the Beeline Bus Transit Advisory Committee was held on Friday, March 4, 2022, at the Payson Senior Center, 514 West Main Street, Payson, Gila County Arizona.

**Committee members attended either in person, by Zoom or by telephone conference call.**

The minutes for this meeting are as follows:

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 12:05 PM**

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Chuck Proudfoot (Chairman) P Travis Ashbaugh P Dee Bowling P David LaForge P  
Vacant (Vice Chairman) Loren Wise E Doreen Prine P Homero Vela P  
Larry Halberstadt A

Payson Senior Center Attendees: Joanne Conlin, Juanita Coghil , Debbie Stephens

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

September 14, 2021 minutes, approval motion by Dee Bowling, second by Travis Ashbaugh, unanimous approval.

**4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No Public in attendance

**5. REPORTS: Information and Discussion**

A. Transit Staff Report (informational) by Joanne Conlin

1. Bus Ridership to Date

Ridership dropped during covid but is increasing  
Ridership numbers are available at the Senior Center

2. Rider Comment Cards

Comment cards have not been used as people are making numerous oral comments which have been positive.  
Most common request is to begin Saturday service again.

3. Bus Safety

New drivers are now PASS certified  
No accidents

4. Budget and Expenditures

The last of the Cares Act funding was spent in February 2022  
Monthly total expenditures average \$15,000  
\$350 is average monthly bus fare income

B. 5339 Grant Update by Joanne Conlin

Improvements around the bus stops are moving forward  
Town of Payson will install bus shelters and benches as improvements are done.

## **6. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

### **A. IPTA Exploratory Committee Update by Travis Ashbaugh**

A meeting of the entities involved with the transfer and continued operation of the Beeline Bus is scheduled for March 14, 2022. There will be a new transit advisory committee after Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **B. Beeline Bus Transition by Joanne Conlin**

The Payson Senior Center will no longer operate the Beeline Bus after September 30, 2022, the last day of the current grant period. The Town of Payson or Gila County is expected to take over the operation of the bus line. There will be a new transit advisory committee after Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>

The Senior Center applied for a grant for the next 2 years which if awarded, may be used by whoever continues operating the Beeline Bus.

### **C. Affordable Housing Grants As It Relates to Public Transit by Chuck Proudfoot**

This item will be on the Gila County Supervisors agenda.

Need to begin the process of affordable housing.

Some areas for discussion of possible future bus service include Young, Pine, and a proposed new mobile home park in Rye.

## **7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **A. Replacement of Trevor Fleetham as Vice Chairman**

Deferred to next meeting

## **8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

To be determined

## **9. NEXT MEETING**

May 13, 2022, at Noon

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Travis. Ashbaugh. Meeting at 12:29 pm

Dated this: March 5, 2022

Joanne Conlin, Payson Senior Center

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**TIME: 11:20am**

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