

MEMORANDUM

To: StarTran Advisory Board
From: StarTran Advisory Board Operations Committee
Beatty Brasch, Nye Bond, Rod Griess, Kim Phelps
Date: June 20, 2007
Subject: Recommendation - TDP Proposals
cc: Larry Worth, David Cary, Brian Praeuner, Dave Sampson

The StarTran Advisory Board Operations Committee met on June 20, 2007 in order to review comments of the June 16, 2007 Public Hearing for the Transit Development Plan (TDP) proposals.

After review and discussion the Operations Committee recommends the approval of the Transit Development Plan as well as the near-term route proposals with the following:

- The regional bus service station served by Greyhound, Black Hills Stage Lines, and Trailways Bus System is located at 2500 NW 12th Street, just south of the Interstate. The public voiced concerns that there would be no proposed service to this location. It is acknowledged that the TDP proposals will serve this location with the Pink/Gaslight Village route. There were also concerns that proposed service would no longer be available in the Briarhurst area, north of Old Cheney and west of 48th Street. It is acknowledged that this neighborhood will be served by the Purple/University Place/College View route running along Briarpark Drive between 48th and 40th Streets.
- Recommends the proposed TDP routes provide service into the Trendwood neighborhood to serve existing patrons, some with disabilities. This area can be served by a deviation to the Black/O Street-Vets Hospital route that would follow some of the current Trendwood routing. The Operations Committee recognizes the issue with the necessary access points off of "A" and 84th Streets not having traffic signals, requiring one of them to be an unprotected left turn onto a major street. The Operations Committee also acknowledges service may be extended so long as the route timing is not negatively impacted beyond a 1-hour round trip .
- Recommends the proposed TDP routes provide service along east Vine Street between 33rd and 48th Streets. This can be accommodated by running the Red/Bethany-Normal route along a portion of the existing Bethany route between 33rd and 48th Streets. Route timing needs to be conducted to make certain this change will work.
- Recommends the proposed TDP Green/Arapahoe-Arnold Height route serve the UNL campus. The Operations Committee acknowledges route timing will need to be conducted after adjustments to the downtown routing is done in order to better serve the UNL campus on "Q" Street.
- Consideration was given to service at 18th & "J" Streets area and it is acknowledged that the TDP proposal will serve this location with numerous fixed-routes.