

MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE SUMMARY

September 12, 2016

Tracy Corr opened the meeting on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room, City/County/Building, in Lincoln, NE.

Attendance

Twelve residents and four City staff attended:

Tracy Corr – 40 th & A NA	Jennifer Powell – Country Club NA
Paul Johnson – East Campus Co	Ray Crisip – Eden Park NA
Nick Hernandez – Havelock NA	Myrna Coleman – Highlands NA
Scott Richert – Indian Village NA	Amy Karabel – Irvingdale NA
Rich Furasek – Meadowlane Area RA	Amanda Huckins – Near South NA
Mike DeKalb – University Place CO	Bill Vocasek – West A NA
Lin Quenzer – Mayor's Office	Jon Carlson – Mayor's Office
Wynn Hjermsstad – Urban Development Dept.	Willa DiCostanzo – Health Dept. / KLLCB

Welcome & Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves. Amanda Huckins agreed to take meeting notes.

Mayor's Comments

The Mayor could not attend.

Changes to StarTran -- *Brian Praeuner, Transit Planner*

StarTran recently adopted a new Transit Development Plan (TDP). The TDP is an evaluation of existing service with goals to (1) balance coverage and productivity, (2) improve directness and span of service, and (3) attract new ridership. The TDP was arrived at through a process that included public input through open houses, surveys, public meetings, interviews of stakeholders and bus operators, and meetings with the TDP Advisory Committee. [See Attachment 1.](#)

Implementation of the TDP will provide later evening service, more frequent service, crosstown service, service to Yankee Hill, faster and more direct service, and improved connections. It implements two of the key desires expressed by the public: later service and more frequent service.

TDP implementation will occur in phases. Phase 1 will improve midday headway (travel time) on Routes 13 and 27 to 30 minutes. Weekday evening service will be extended to 10:00 pm on routes 13, 27, 41, 44, 46, 53, and 55.

To improve service speed, pick up and drop off will now only be done at dedicated bus stops. The bus stops will have much improved signage – almost double the current amount of signage. New routes will go into effect on October 3rd. **(Per changes after the Roundtable meeting that date is now November 1st).** To encourage ridership and interest, riders will not have to pay fares for all of October **(and now all of November).**

To better balance coverage, services on low ridership routes were cut. If there proves to be important gaps between bus stops, StarTran will try to accommodate additional stop requests. If neighborhoods residents have a concern, they should contact the StarTran office; 402-441-7185 or StarTraninfo@lincoln.ne.gov.

The new bus schedules and routes are available online now at lincoln.ne.gov, keyword: startran. Three public open houses have been scheduled:

Sept. 20 at Gere Branch Library
Sept. 21 at Eiseley Branch Library
Sept. 22 at Jackie Gaughn Multi-Cultural Center

Recycling Update

There was some discussion about the existing and proposed fee for not recycling at the landfill. Enforcement is done at the landfill by employees as they work with haulers dropping off materials. For materials already being diverted from the landfill -- tires, appliances, leaves and grass -- haulers have a recycling option available on site. If the hauler chooses to not recycle, the hauler is charged a fee. The fee helps pay for landfill staff to separate those diverted items from the materials deposited by the hauler. Proposed future diverted materials include: corrugated cardboard (beginning the 1st year), newspaper (beginning the 2nd year), and all recyclable paper (beginning the 3rd year).

Information about the benefits of recycling (residential and commercial) and how to do it most easily and effectively can be found at lincoln.ne.gov, keyword: recycle. If proposed policy changes are enacted, additional grant-based funding will be available to educate and inform the public.

City Budget Update

There was discussion of the City Charter in relation to provisions for ending deadlock in budget discussions. City is going to have to sue City Council to get them to set a property tax rate that fully funds the legal budget (the Mayor's budget, because City Council majority was not able to persuade a 5th vote to break the deadlock).

Neighborhood "Homework"

Neighborhood representatives were asked to think about what neighborhood statistics they would like to see available via the Urban Development website. Their answers will be collected at the October Roundtable meeting.

Announcements

- Household Hazardous waste pickup dates announced:
see <https://lincoln.ne.gov/city/health/environ/Waste/pdf/HHWSched.pdf>
- *Interplay: A Conversation About Well Being, Aesthetics, Creativity and the Arts*: September 18th, 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Constellation Studios, 2055 O Street.
- *Streets Alive! Festival*: free outdoor event that is traffic free, people & pet friendly, exhibits & food, entertainment, all along a festival route that promotes healthy activity. Co-hosted by the Clinton, Hartley and East Campus neighborhoods on Sunday, September 25th.
- The Mayor's State of the City Speech is scheduled for 7:15 am on September 13th at the Holiday Inn Downtown.

Next Meeting/Agenda

The next meeting of the Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable will be October 10, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. The topic will be determined.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Notes submitted by Amanda Huckins.



Lincoln Transit Development Plan

Presentation to Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable
September 12, 2016



What is the Transit Development Plan?

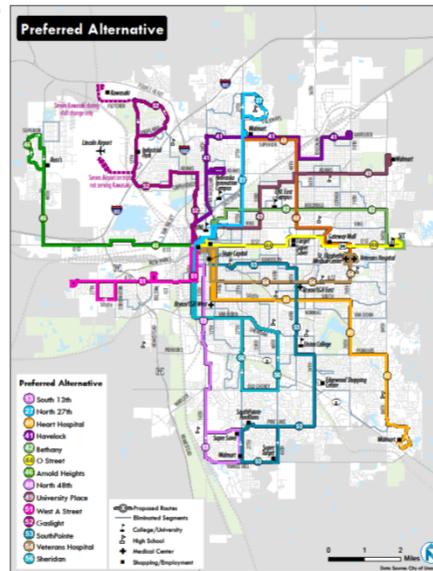
- Provides a comprehensive evaluation of existing service characteristics and system performance
- Identifies areas for improvement
- Provides a roadmap for growth priorities
- Goals include:
 - Balancing coverage and productivity
 - Improving directness of service
 - Improving span of service
 - Attracting new ridership markets

Community Feedback

- Riders and general public
 - Open Houses (April 2015 and September 2015)
 - Build Your System survey
 - Service scenarios online survey
 - Public Meetings (January 2016)
- Stakeholders
 - Meetings with TDP Advisory Committee
 - Bus Operator interviews
 - Stakeholder interviews

Benefits

- Later evening service
- More frequent service
- Crosstown service
- Service to Yankee Hill
- Faster and more direct service
- Improved connections



TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN - - SERVICE EXPANSION PLAN

Phase	Service Improvements	Change in Annual Hours	Additional Peak Vehicles
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve midday headway on Routes 13 and 27 to 30 minutes Extend weekday evening service on Routes 13, 27, 41, 44, 46, 53 and 55 	6,034	-
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve midday headway on Routes 40, 42, 46 and 49 to 30 minutes Extend weekday evening service on Routes 40, 42, 48, 49, 51, 52, 54, and 56 	11,261	-
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add Sunday service on all routes (excluding UNL routes and Star Shuttle) 	8,734	-
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve headway (6 am – 6 pm) on Routes 48 and 54 to 30 minutes Add second bus to Star Shuttle route to improve headways 	10,138	
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve midday headway on Routes 41 and 53 to 30 minutes Improve weekend headways on Routes 51 and 52 to 60 minutes Add express bus service with limited stops between Southeast Lincoln and downtown Lincoln/UNL 	7,259	

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Route Expansion

Route	Weekday			Saturday	
	Peak Headway	Off-Peak Headway	Service Span	Headway	Service Span
13 South 13 th	30	30	6:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.	60	7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
27 North 27 th	30	30	6:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.	60	7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
40 Heart Hospital	30	60	6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.	60	7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
41 Havelock	30	60	5:45 a.m.-9:00 p.m.	60	7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
42 Bethany	30	60	5:45 a.m.-8:00 p.m.	60	7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
44 O Street	30	30	6:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.	60	7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
46 Arnold Heights	30	60	5:45 a.m.-8:35 p.m.	60	7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
48 North 48 th	60	60	6:00 a.m.-8:05 p.m.	60	7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
49 University Place	30	60	6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.	60	7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
51 West A Street	60	60	6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	120	7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
52 Gaslight	60	60	6:45 a.m.-6:35 p.m.	120	7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
53 SouthPointe	30	60	5:40 a.m.-8:05 p.m.	60	7:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
54 Veterans Hospital	60	60	6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.	60	7:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
56 Sheridan	60	60	6:15 a.m.-6:50 p.m.	60	7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
StarShuttle	15	15	6:15 a.m.-8:45 p.m.	-	

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Implementation

- September Open Houses:
 - September 20th, 5-7 PM; Gere Library
 - September 21, 5-7 PM, Eiseley Library
 - September 22, 3-5 PM, Jackie Gaughn Multi-Cultural Center, UNL Campus
- New Bus stops – approx. 800 new bus stop signs w/new design
- Implement new routes October 3, 2016

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New Bus Sign Design



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