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**MINUTES OF PVTA'S
PARATRANSIT COMMITTEE MEETING
March 29, 2016**

The Paratransit Committee meeting of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority was held on Wednesday, March 29th, 2016 at the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority Office located at 2808 Main Street in Springfield, MA, at 1:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Carolyn Brennan, East Longmeadow; Paula Dubord, Wilbraham; Becky Moriarty, Hampden; Brian O'Leary, Belchertown; Marilyn Ishler, South Hadley; Paul Burns Johnson, Palmer; Steve Huntley, Chicopee; Richard Theroux, Agawam, and Mark Gold, Longmeadow.

Other's Present: Josh Rickman, PVTA; Brandy Lamour, PVTA; Price Armstrong, PVTA; Robin St. Amand, PVTA, David Elvin, PVPC, Paul Anziano, Hulmes Transportation; General Public

NOT PRESENT:

A quorum being present, Chairperson of the Paratransit Committee, Carolyn Brennan, called the meeting of the Paratransit Committee to order at 1:06 P.M.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2016 PARATRANSIT COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairperson Brennan asked for a motion from the Paratransit Committee to approve the meeting minutes from the Paratransit Committee meeting of March 15, 2016.

Motion: Moved and seconded (Dubord/O'Leary) to approve the minutes of March 15, 2016 Paratransit Committee Meeting.

Marilyn Ishler stated that she would like to make an amendment to the minutes to include that the committee discussed the reality of a one hour pick up window for options 2 and 2a as well as the amount of additional funding needed for option 6 for a 90% on time performance.

Chairperson Brennan asked if there was any discussion.

Motion: Moved and seconded (Ishler/Burns Johnson) to amend the minutes to include that the committee discussed the reality of a one hour pick up window for options 2 and

2a as well as the amount of additional funding needed for option 6 for a 90% on time performance.

Chairperson Brennan asked if there was any discussion on the amendment. Hearing none. Asked for all those in favor to say aye.

Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Chairperson Brennan asked if there was any discussion on the minutes as amended. Hearing none. Asked for all those in favor to say aye.

Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

2. ON TIME PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS FOR PARATRANSIT SERVICE

Josh Rickman, Manager of Planning and Operations stated that PVRTA has come up with a short term option that does not require any service change that would increase paratransit service on time performance. PVRTA will split the van fleet and have a specified amount of vans specifically dedicated to ADA service to be able to provide an optimal level of ADA service and the remainder of vans will be used for Senior Dial-a-Ride service. Senior Service would still have the same type of trips but trips will operate at a lower on time performance.

Marilyn Ishler asked if the committee accepts this, does this mean seniors can still book at trip at 8:00 A.M. and when is PVRTA looking at providing vans to council on agings.

Mr. Rickman stated yes that's correct and around mid July for the vans.

Carolyn Brennan asked when PVRTA would know whether this split fleet implementation is working to improve ADA on time performance.

Mr. Rickman stated approximately three months. We are hoping to implement the split fleet van assignment program this July along with a Pilot for Saturday service for seniors and a Pilot Council on Aging (COA) program for four communities (capped at \$100,000) where PVRTA provides a van to the COA and the COA would be responsible for providing all senior van trips.

Motion: Moved and seconded (Burns Johnson/Dubord) that the paratransit committee support the administration's split fleet proposal with the pilot program for four council on aging's and Saturday service for Dial-a-Ride.

Chairperson Brennan asked if there was any discussion.

Ms. Ishler stated that seniors don't like change and does not want to give seniors Saturday service in FY17 and have it not work out then have to take it away in FY18.

Chairperson Brennan asked all those in favor to say Aye.

Marilyn Ishler opposed.

Motion carries by majority vote.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairperson Brennan reported that there is no other business to discuss.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Paratransit Committee Meeting adjourned (Burns Johnson/Huntley) at 2:00 P.M.

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ATTEST:



BRANDY LAMOUR

Documents filed with Paratransit Committee Meeting packet:

- Paratransit Minutes from 3-15-16 Meeting
- On Time Performance Improvement Options for Paratransit Service Packet

MINUTES APPROVED ON MAY 24, 2016

