



CAPITAL METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC HEARING
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Wednesday, October 10, 2018

12:00 PM

Capital Metro Board Room

Call to Order: 12:05 p.m.

I. Presentation:

1. Proposed January 2019 Service Changes

Director of Service Planning Roberto Gonzalez presented an overview of the proposed changes. Minor route and schedule changes are being proposed. These changes may also include some re-routes to the new Westgate Transit Center if the facility is open in time. Otherwise those changes would take place in June, 2019.

II. Public Comment:

Scott Morris from the Austin Coalition for Transit provided comments on Public Connect. He spoke of the organization's concerns with the proposal to include Autonomous Rapid Transit in the plan given its untested nature and scalability. He urged the board to only consider mode scenarios that are doable and proven.

Chair Cooper queried Mr. Morris about some of his cost assumptions and asked for example cities. Mr. Morris cited Phoenix as a place where light rail had proven its per-passenger cost effectiveness against bus modes.

Board Member Kitchen encouraged Mr. Morris not to present this plan as a done deal, or to represent it as something that Capital Metro had changed something that had been decided on. We are going through a process of hearing from the community, and there will be lots more discussion to occur.

Zenobia Joseph, citizen, spoke about bus routes that were not meeting their advertised frequencies, specifically north and north east of the city. Customers are also having to walk long distances to catch their bus. She urged the board to consider options including branching of the routes to get better coverage of the 300 routes. She believes the agency was misleading in the Cap Remap Title VI Service Equity Analysis. She highlighted an upcoming presentation the President Clarke will be making to the CAMPO board.

Ms. Joseph responded to a comment from Chair Cooper by citing problems that she perceives with Route 392 -- it is too infrequent and indirect. She also urged the board to look at problems with Route 240.

Gregory Watson, citizen, lives near Brodie Lane. He is a regular rider of Route 333 and does not own a vehicle. He is happy to see this route's direct connection to the Oak Hill Shopping Center restored but would also like to see it restored to the Oak Hill Park & Ride.

Roberto Gonzalez commented the we are looking at adjustments to routes that both Ms. Joseph and Mr. Watson spoke about today.

III. Items for Future Discussion:

IV. Adjournment

Adjourn: 12:40 p.m.

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