

TRAC

MEETING MINUTES

DES MOINES AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY TRANSIT RIDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE APRIL 2, 2025 – NOON Hybrid Meeting

[The above TRAC Meeting was hybrid – in person at DART Central Station and virtual via Zoom. The Committee determined that it is convenient to offer this option to members of the Committee, staff and members of the public to accommodate for concerns related to the Covid-19 pandemic.]

TRAC Members Present:

Laurie Jones, Kaylynn Strain, Lee Jasinski, Matthew Shankles, James Hanold, Jeremy Guenther, Todd Kilzer, David Campbell, Alexis Samano

TRAC Members Absent:

MaryAnn Ryan, Brandon Paulsen

DART Staff Present:

Catlin Curry, Jan Keeling, Erin Hockman, Ricky Angueira, Heidi Ganum, Tony Filippini, Sarah Welch, Brandon Anderson

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order by Lee Jasinski at 12:00p.m.

Roll call was taken, and quorum was met.

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2025, minutes were approved.

The motion was approved by Todd Kilzer and seconded by Kaylynn Strain.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Garland Armstrong: Kudos to Mayor Boesen for a ride home.

Taxi drivers are still asking for cash instead of tokens.

Additional benches on routes desired.

Heather Armstrong: Underperforming bus routes – specifically 1, 8, and 11. Strongly feels these routes should be eliminated or combined with other routes. School trippers should stay.

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Reimagine DART Choices & Concepts (Ricky Angueira – Jarrett Walker + Associates)

Ricky provided insight on the concepts presented to DART by Jarrett Walker and Associates.

Ridership vs. Coverage concepts.

Ridership: Fewer routes more often.

Coverage: More routes less often.

D. OTHER BUSINESS

DART Budget & Legislative Update (Erin)

Erin provided updates on recent legislative changes and expectations of Reimagine DART. Emphasis on the Reimagine DART choices being CONCEPTS. What are the best ways to allocate the budget DART has?

Four options:

1. Maintain current
2. Reduce service by 15%-20%
3. Reduce service by 20%-25%
4. State Property Tax Bills: Reduce service by 30% – 40% over 5 years.

Public input has become more important so the commission can hear what the public wants to see prior to making a decision.

E. TRAC MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Jeremy Guenther to speak at the Civic Academy on April 10 6:00pm at the Central Presbyterian Church.

Todd has concerns surrounding Paratransit and would like discussion at a future meeting – would like it to include not only Skip Herbold, but also “higher ups in the hierarchy”.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

G. UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. DART Commission – Noon, Tuesday, April 6, 2025 – Zoom / DCS
2. TRAC – Noon, Wednesday, April 30, 2025 – Zoom / DCS

H. ADJOURN

Lee adjourned the meeting at 1:01pm.

It was moved by Kaylynn Strain and seconded Alexis Samano

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The motion carried unanimously.