

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 15, 1996

The Transportation Committee of the City of Mesa met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on May 15, 1996 at 4:45 p.m.

COMMITTEE PRESENT

Pat Gilbert, Chairman
Joan Payne
Jim Stapley

COUNCIL-ELECT PRESENT

Mayor-Elect Wayne Brown

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Cindy Barris
Elva Fimbres
Mike Hutchinson
Harry Kent
Ron Krosting
Ellen Pence
Jim Wright
Others

COMMITTEE ABSENT

None

1. Discuss and consider entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA) for the operation of a "Jitney" service in northeast Mesa.

Traffic and Streets Director Ron Krosting briefed the Committee on the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement with the Regional Public Transportation Authority relating to transit service in northeast Mesa. Mr. Krosting stated that the targeted area for the transit program is the existing Route #136 peak-hour service, beginning at Brown and Lindsay Roads and running east along Brown and north on Higley to the McDonnell Douglas Plant. Mr. Krosting noted that ridership in this area has not met expectations, and added that a more personalized service may generate higher ridership.

Transit Coordinator Jim Wright addressed the Committee and stated that the proposed service route (jitney) will serve the major employers in northeast Mesa. Mr. Wright said that this type of program has been utilized successfully in low-density areas across the country.

Mr. Wright referred to an aerial map outlining the current bus route system, and reported that two initial routing concepts have been identified as a result of surveys conducted by McDonnell Douglas in relation to the residence of their employees. Mr. Wright stated that the service route will operate as a "flexible" fixed-route service with opportunities to vary the routing within the service corridor based upon service demand. Mr. Wright indicated that the vehicle will have the freedom to deviate from its route based upon passenger requests. Mr. Wright added that the City's current fixed route contractor, DAVE Transportation Services, Inc., will operate the service and provide the vehicle and maintenance for the project.

Mr. Wright estimated the total cost for the program at \$32,010, but advised that a grant in the amount of \$20,410 has been awarded to the City of Mesa from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) through the Air Quality Demonstration Program. Mr. Wright stated that grant monies may be utilized for the service route program through December 1996.

In response to a question from Committeemember Stapley, Mr. Wright said that the proposed passenger fare will be 50 cents one way and that the City's share of the program will decrease as ridership increases. Mr. Wright noted that if the project is successful, funding for continuation of the service route would come from the elimination of the current Route #136 peak-hour service.

It was moved by Committeemember Stapley, seconded by Committeemember Payne, to recommend to the Council that the City Manager be authorized to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Regional Public Transportation Authority for the reimbursement of expenses up to \$20,410 as part of the Arizona Department of Transportation's Air Quality Demonstration Program.

Carried unanimously.

2. Adjournment.

It was moved by Committeemember Stapley, seconded by Committeemember Payne, that the Transportation Committee meeting adjourn at 4:55 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Transportation Committee of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 15th day of May, 1996. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 21st day of May 1996

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK