

DOUGLAS TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

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WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M.
DOUGLAS TRANSIT OFFICE
1815 9TH STREET, DOUGLAS, AZ, 85607

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 10:04am

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members present: John Vaughn, Mariza Nikitas (via Teams), Matthew Gurney (via teams), Xenia Gonzalez, Gary Clark, Angel Lauve (via Teams), and Perri Gojkovich. Committee Members not present:, Chris Vertrees, and Jessica Aguayo

3. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE IN WRITING OR VERBALLY ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA.

None Present.

4. DISCUSSION/DECISION on APPROVAL OF JUNE 26, 2025 MINUTES

Motion by Gary Clark, second by John Vaughn to approve June 26, 2025 minutes, with the correction in section 5.a. Financial Status Update of misprint of Gary Clark's name. Minutes listed Carl Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Financial Status Update

Perri Gojkovich reported that the City of Douglas is currently in the process of submitting reimbursement requests, the requests are moving along rapidly, and currently March 2025 has been submitted. She stated that the current financial status should be available for the next TAC meeting.

Gary Clark asked if there have been any challenges with the pay outs. Perri Gojkovich responded that currently the ADOT has been providing the acceptance of funds with no issues

B. Ridership Report

Perri Gojkovich presented the ridership data, noting that in August 4669 rides had been provided up from July, that total ridership for the grant fiscal year may be right about last year's totals or a little over, though it is hard to predict the future. Perri Gojkovich mentioned there was a glitch in the system due to driver error, but with the assistance of the gentleman that created the app, the issue was corrected, and the report was completed. Perri Gojkovich reported the August numbers. Gary Clark asked what the difference between Students and College Students. Perri Gojkovich will provide the information at the next TAC meeting. Gary Clark asked what the fee for passengers are. Perri Gojkovich provided the information. Xenia Gonzalez responded that there is a charge for every rider, the SEAGO elderly or disabled registered riders get theirs for free. Gary Clark asked if passengers all have ID's. Perri Gojkovich responded that there are passengers with cards, but some pay cash, and the driver uses the Tablet to identify what category the passenger belongs to, which is tracked through the app. Xenia Gonzalez added that passengers that do not have passes and pay their fares as they board the bus, ID's are not checked, so anyone who wants to ride the bus and has the fare can are not denied service. John Vaughn asked if it is a free ride, the passenger has to be registered and have an ID. Xenia Gonzalez and Perri Gojkovich answered yes.

C. Unfilled Vacancies Report

Perri Gojkovich noted that there is driver position as well as a dispatcher vacancy. Xenia Gonzalez mentioned that recruitment for a full-time driver, a transit aid with non CDL license is in the process.

6. Comments of Board Members

Perri Gojkovich opened the floor for board member comments.

Gary Clark mentioned that students are being picked up at the bus stop near Airport Park at the bus shelter where they are protected, that it is a really a "Quality thing that Douglas has to offer for our kids and our seniors included". This also allows the students to not have to walk and is a safe especially in the mornings as some of the students are "little guys" and also stated that he is really proud to be on the board.

7. Next Meeting / Potential Agenda Items

Perri Gojkovich proposed a tentative date subject to change for December 18th 10:00am.

Xenia Gonzalez mentioned that she received an email earlier from NOFA that the 5307/5339 grant has been released in case anyone is interested in applying.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by John Vaughn, seconded by Gary Clark. The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 AM.

Motion passed unanimously.

By: Perri Gojkovich, Transit Manager