



Streamline/Galavan Advisory Board



Operations/Marketing Meeting Agenda 9/22/2020

Zoom Meeting - 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/93773458033>

Call In: 1-669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 937 7345 8033 followed by #

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Attendees: Sunshine Ross, Vanessa Palmer, Mark Egge, David Kack, Jennifer Boyer, Linda Sherwood, Cindy Andrus, Terry Aldrich, Joseph Menicucci, Tracy Menuetz, Craig Ollinger, Dan Martin, Dennis Sines

Purpose of Meeting:

- Review TMD's Initial Service Recommendations (Short-Term Plan focused)
- Review public feedback on TMD's Initial Service Recommendations
- Discuss potential changes to the bus routes and/or stops in TMD's Short-Term Plan

Discussion Items:

- TMD's Initial Service Recommendations
 - Review Individual Route Maps & Design Principles
 - Review Weekend Service (Saturday & Sunday Uniformity)
 - Review LateNight Service/Extended Weekday Hours

Sunshine gave an overview of the individual routes. Joseph asked Sunshine to highlight the transfer points. Sunshine explained the main transfer points are the mall, downtown transfer station, Walmart, and MSU SUB.

Terry mentioned that the gold line looks less convenient than what we have been doing now. Cindy has some concerns about the left hand turn on Wilson/College. She believes it is a safety concern. Sunshine said we will investigate the timing and determine what adjustments we can make. Dan mentioned that the College/Wilson left turn is the easiest place with the best line of sight. Linda suggested we go down to Kagy. Sunshine said we would have to look to see how much time it would add to the schedule.

Mark suggested serving further south to address some of the public comment. Sunshine shared that the multiple comments received regarding service cuts south of the hospital and of Kagy seem to be as a result of an organized neighborhood group and that only two people that attended any public meetings identified as that section of the Orangeline. Joseph suggested that some of the public comments we received proved to be slightly naïve by assuming that buses would come right to your front door. Walking 15-20 minutes to a bus stop is the norm for most people.

David asked about timing of big picture. Is this something we are going to want to keep debating for another year or so? Perhaps we should figure out what is going on with the Census before we commit to implementing this plan. David has some concerns about the reliance on transfers, especially capacity concerns at the Walmart transfer from Belgrade route to Blueline.

Terry has some concerns about not serving south Bozeman. Sunshine mentions that this could be included in the long-term plan. Sunshine asked Terry to email in his comments and/or draw a map.

Dan would like to eventually serve 19th/Kagy area as well as the two middle schools. Sunshine said there is also a new development planned near Blackwood which is designed to have multi-income dwellings. These areas will be something we consider in our long-term plan. Linda said she drove south 19th for the first time for awhile and was surprised to see the number of apartments going in. We will consider it in the long-term plan.

- Review Public Feedback on TMD's Recommended Route Maps
 - Airport Service
 - South Bozeman
 - Four Corners

Joseph mentioned a particularly negative comment about the south Bozeman area. Joseph said that yes if we had the funding, we could serve these other areas, but right now the density does not warrant fixed route. The underserved areas of the map will be the most vocal. Joseph recommends that we do a lot of outreach to this area.

Cindy wants to commend the efforts made to serve the critical areas in town. She wonders if we could do a pilot program to see if south Bozeman warrants a fixed-route system. The City will be discussing the Climate action Plan tonight, and public transit will play an important role in that plan.

Dennis has spent a lot of time talking to drivers about the new routes. For the most part, drivers seem excited.

Tracy thinks we will have to spend a lot of time educating people. In recent years, the west side of town was underserved, now it will be served well. The South side will instead be the area that is less served. It certainly is hard when people feel like they are losing something. We should educate those who are losing something as to why this decision was made and celebrate the big win of bringing service to the west side.

Sunshine said we could put together a budget/plan for a pilot project that would serve the south side of Bozeman.

Joseph thinks it is important to educate the entire community on the benefits of Streamline (regardless of whether or not people ride themselves). We need to communicate that buses make roads less congested. Just because there are no lines on the road that go to individual houses or neighborhoods, does not mean those residents are not benefiting from the Streamline bus service.

David thinks timing is important. Then, we should figure out timing of walking distance and show what areas are accessible from these routes. It is also important to emphasize that this is short and not long term. This plan is something we can implement in August 2021, then this is what we are thinking of doing two, three, and four years out.

- - Discuss Potential Changes to the Bus Routes and/or Stops
 - Discuss details about proposed timing of the routes
 - Discuss alternate

- Discuss deviating routes after 7pm (Galavan compliance)
 - Identify new areas where bus stops should be included
- Mark had two questions: how would a downtown circulator change the proposed alignments? Has there been discussion about having Route D terminate at Walmart versus Public Safety Center? Sunshine said this has not been discussed specifically for this plan, but it is a potential idea. Mark said there may be options to partner to with City to provide a transfer center at the new public safety center. Mark mentioned that there may be some funding through Downtown Bozeman for some type of circulator.
- Cindy mentioned that potential long-term routes are important to include on the map.
- Sunshine mentioned that our next step is to look at timing and take a deep dive into scheduling of things, then come back in a few weeks to review. We will also look into a pilot project for the south Bozeman area. We will try to come back with some long-term plan suggestions as well.

- Next Steps
 - Drive the proposed routes for more accurate timing
 - Identify new bus stop locations
 - Schedule next meeting (Tues. 10/6 @ 8:30am)

Sunshine would like to meet two more meetings (both in October).

In next two weeks:

- Streamline staff will review timing, communication plan, bus stop locations, long-term plan.
- Cindy asked if we could time Route A two different ways (left turn at College/Wilson and going down to Kagy).

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6th at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom.