

Streamline Operations Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2020
Zoom virtual meeting

Attendees: David Kack, Cara Priem, Terry Aldrich, Joseph Menicucci, Bill Hoch, Linda Sherwood, Vanessa Palmer, Sunshine Ross, Kristin Blackler, Craig Collinger, Dennis _____

Purpose of Meeting – Sunshine reported we have had good routes for the past 15 years and have done well for the community. We will review the proposed routes for the A/Blue, C/Gold, and the D/Pink lines. The fleet is in dire straits currently. Streamline is having to use Galavan, Karst Stage and 2 mini buses to cover some of the daily routes as we await the delivery of 4 new buses.

Presentation – Vanessa Palmer of the redesign team, drove and timed the proposed routes. The proposed routes will be using 7th, 11th, and 15th for their routes and also run to some of the new proposed developments.

A/Blue – The route took about 56 minutes. Terry suggested on the return line to turn right on Main to 8th and to return south on Babcock and not Main street to Willson due to the traffic on Main. Linda asked about the Aspen Meadows stop. The developer of Larkspur asked that it be moved closer and a shelter would be built. But since there is no shelter as promised, the stop will be moved back to Aspen Meadows.

C/Gold – This line will serve MSU, Gallatin Valley Mall and to Ferguson both popular stops. The route took about 40 minutes to drive with no stops. Cara asked if road pullouts for bus stops will be installed for future streets. Discussions are in place with the city, MDOT, and developers for future road construction.

D/Pink Belgrade – Will go from Walmart north on 7th and serve the new warming center (the stop will be ¼ mile away), and the Alcohol and Drug Center already on north 7th. Linda requested a park and ride near the Springhill/Frontage intersection due to new developments building there. Cara asked if it would be possible to flag down a bus on the long stretches of the frontage road where there are no stops. Dennis said that is usually done for drop off but not pickups. It would be possible to call ahead to the office and request a stop for a pick up. There are pullouts near Sacajawea and Arlee for stops.

Vanessa drove this route in 40 minutes with no stops. David said the Belgrade Main & Broadway 4 way stop is a very busy intersection so a bus stop is not recommended here. Joseph stressed the importance of schedule timeliness due to passengers wanting to make connections at Walmart to get to work or school on time. A long discussion ensued looking at routing the bus on streets north of Main street because of the traffic. Joseph suggested going by the Belgrade Senior Center on the return trip and taking Dry Creek/Airport road. School zones will need to be avoided since the speed limit is 15 mph in those areas.

Cara asked if the future routes will be identified by color or letter. The plan is to stick with colors.

Joseph asked about the timing for the layover at Walmart to make connections to campus. During the Belgrade runs the Blue line is running at 30 minute frequencies to coincide with the Pink line routes which would help with connections during bad weather times. A suggestion was made for a 2nd Pink

line in the morning to go directly to campus

Miscellaneous comments – Cara requested that when the next schedule is published for the proposed line that there be a section communicating to the public the possibility for more buses and routes provided there is additional funding. The communication will identify the funding needed for incremental increases in service.

Review TMD's Long-Term Service Network - Ron Kilcoyne will discuss possible new lines 10/27/20. Routes C & F, south Bozeman, and midtown downtown/Story Mill circulators.

Communication Plan – Sunshine discussed the Doors to Transit Project which will happen in November. Volunteers will paint the doors on Saturday, October 10 from 9-11 am. 15 doors to be painted at the bus station.

Sunshine said they are working on increasing their media coverage for the future.

Next Steps – The proposed routes B & E will be driven and timed. New bus stops will be identified and proposed for these routes. Next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday 10/27 at 8:30 am.