

APPROVED Meeting Minutes  
Transportation Commission  
Monday, February 24, 2014  
Council Chambers - Village Hall

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Jack Chalabian called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Present: Andre Bonakdar, Jack Chalabian, Will Gillespie, Mark Patzloff, Michael Stewart (7:05 PM)

Excused: Craig Chesney, Lee Lazar

Staff: Jim Budrick, Jill Juliano, Mike Koperniak

Non-Agenda Item Public Comments

There were no non-agenda public comments.

Approval of Tonight's Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Patzloff motioned and Commissioner Gillespie seconded, to approve tonight's meeting agenda as presented. The voice vote was unanimous to approve the motion.

Approval of the Draft November 25, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Gillespie motioned to approve the November 25, 2013 Transportation Commission meeting minutes and Commissioner Bonakdar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

REVIEW PACE/CTA BUS STOPS IN THE VILLAGE (CONTINUED FROM OCTOBER 28, 2013 MEETING)

Staff Liaison Mike Koperniak gave a presentation on the background of this item and a synopsis of the work completed to date including discussions that occurred last October.

There were no questions for Village staff.

Chair Chalabian asked Pace what they looked at and subsequently provided to the Commission.

Pace provided an explanation of each of the provided documents: GIS maps of Oak Park Boardings and Alightings, Oak Park bus stop inventory, ADA assessment of Oak

Park bus stops, pictures of street furniture issues by Oak Park bus stops, highest boarding locations in Oak Park.

Pace explained they are transitioning from flag stops to dedicated bus stop locations, similar to CTA bus stops.

Pace discussed replacing the bus shelter on Austin Blvd/Madison St (SW corner) and South Blvd/Oak Park Ave (SE corner).

Commissioner Patzloff asked why the Village replaced the Pace bus shelters but not the CTA shelters.

Village Engineer Jim Budrick explained that Pace would provide the bus shelters whereas CTA would not.

Commissioner Stewart asked about the CTA shelters located at Austin Blvd/Erie St (SW corner) and North Ave/Linden Ave (SW corner).

A discussion occurred about the ownership of the North Ave/Linden Ave shelter as both agencies use it. It is mostly used by CTA riders based on the data provided by CTA and Pace.

It is agreed to upgrade the Austin Blvd/Madison St and the Oak Park Ave/South Blvd bus shelters.

Chair Chalabian asked Pace how many shelters they install per year.

Pace answered that they install about 50 shelters a year.

As follow-up, Chair Chalabian asked how many existing Pace flag stop locations are ADA compliant.

Pace stated it is hard to determine because the Pace bus stops wherever it is flagged down. First they have to install a Pace bus sign to make it an official stop.

Pace is starting to look at changing from flag stops to posted stops this year. It will be somewhere in the region, maybe not in Oak Park. Pace further explained their plans to notify the public if the changes are coming.

Chair Chalabian suggested to Pace to use Oak Park as an experiment for changing from flag stops to posted, or sign stops.

Pace replied that they could look at it but it would take time.

Chair Chalabian mentioned since CTA already has posted operations, this would complement it.

Pace responded they have already done pilot projects in other locations so they know it works. It should be done systemwide in two to three years.

Mr. Budrick suggested that Pace consider Ridgeland Avenue since the Village will be resurfacing it this year.

Chair Chalabian asked Village Engineer Budrick if the Village would be willing to make stops on Ridgeland for Route 315 ADA compliant for Pace to then install shelters and posted stops.

Pace said they will give the Village a list of proposed stop locations. The Village will review the list of proposed locations for issues.

Chair Chalabian then spoke about potential CTA bus shelter locations. He asked Mr. Budrick if the Village could partner with CTA on this item.

Mr. Budrick explained the problem is that CTA doesn't provide bus shelters and this is a significant cost.

Commissioner Stewart praised PACE for providing data for flag stops and posted stops and indicated the need to market future changes to posted stops.

Chair Chalabian provided a summary of 8 steps that needs to be addressed for this item. They are:

1. Develop bus stop zone policy.
2. Adding new shelters at non-Pace bus stops.
3. Identify funding sources for bus shelters, from all agencies.
4. Upgrade bus stops that are not ADA compliant.
5. Upgrade Pace stops from flag stops to posted stops.
6. Move bus stops to farside of the intersection at signalized traffic controlled intersections.
7. Eliminate closely spaced bus stops that do not fall with Pace's and/or CTA's standard.
8. Implementing transit signal prioritization along North Ave., Roosevelt Rd. and Harlem Ave.

Pace stated that North Ave, Roosevelt Rd and Harlem Ave will get prioritization.

Both Pace and CTA will look at moving the bus shelter from North Ave/Linden Ave to North Ave/Columbian Ave.

Chair Chalabian asked Pace if they would be willing to upgrade the shelters on North Ave/Linden Ave and North Ave/Elmwood Ave.

Pace responded that they thought it would be doable this year.

There being no further business, Commissioner Bonakdar motioned and Commissioner Gillespie seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectively submitted

Jill Juliano, Transportation Engineer