

# DASH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes: July 6, 2022



### Welcome/New Member Introduction

Ross Simons

DASH Advisory Committee Chairperson

- New DAC members Abdel-Rahman Elnoubi, Matthew McManus and James Maslanka were introduced.

### Roll Call

Whitney Code

DASH Marketing & Communications Manager

### Chairperson Updates

Ross Simons

DASH Advisory Committee Chairperson

- Advisory Committee Action Procedures Discussion – The committee discussed if modifications to the existing guidelines were needed to promote committee advocacy to external bodies (Transportation Commission, City Counsel, etc.). Also discussed was the potential adjustment to the notice needed for special meetings, and if voting methods should be modified. Sandy Sanor: Disagreed with the modified consensus voting method. Suggested simple majority or percentage method. Bonnie O’Day: Suggested majority method. Also, suggested processing information via email and vote through email. Yvette Jiang: Suggested simple majority method and agreed with advocacy as a group. Yvette also suggested the members in favor of a given action sign their names on the document. Jim Maslanka: Agreed with the simple majority method and have a majority/minority opinion. Jim Durham: Agrees with advocacy and simple majority voting. Suggested 5-7 day notice for meetings or electronic vote. Added that he is comfortable with only the Chair signing the document that passed but could include a note stating “majority of the committee”. Eric Van Horn: Eric feels strongly that the document should include majority or unanimously.
  - Next steps include drafting potential language to update the special meeting and voting process.
- Committee Capacity Increase Discussion – Jim Durham: Suggested increasing the committee member limit to 16. Sandy Sanor: Suggested if the limit is an issue, current members could resign early as terms end. Bonnie O’Day: Had no objection to a 16 member committee but suggested no more than 16. Suggested being mindful of what

the committee is missing and what is needed. Yvette Jiang: Suggested a new member orientation. Eric Van Horn: Stated younger representatives are important.

### **DAC Advocacy**

Josh Baker  
DASH CEO/General Manager

- The committee should reform and refine its purpose over time. There is an opportunity to better define the current guidelines. As a reminder, committee members can speak to the DASH Board and City Council as individual citizens but recognizes that there is more to come from the consensus of a group.

### **Duke Street BRT Update**

Yvette Jiang and Jim Durham  
DAC Committee Members

- Yvette and Jim provided an overview and update of the Duke Street Bus Rapid Transit project including key dates and future Duke Street concepts.

### **Service Planning Update**

Martin Barna  
DASH Director of Planning & Marketing

- DASH Ridership Update – Historic ridership in May and June 2022 with upward trend for FY22.
- FY23 Transit Development Plan (TDP) Update – Final document has been approved with some modifications.
- Staffing Shortages & Service Impacts – DASH is experiencing unprecedented staffing shortages due to COVID-19 and other factors, which has led to an increase in missed trips.
- Customer Survey – Passenger survey will be released to the public to gain a better understanding of who is riding DASH, how ridership behavior has changed, what factors are impacting change.

Jim Durham requested ridership information for 2012. Yvette asked if there was a breakdown of cost per line and passenger count per route.

### **Open Forum**

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- Ross Simons requested Vice Chair election during the October meeting.
- Jim Maslanka mentioned the 10pm bus has typically had a standing load of passengers and is doing a good job with late service.
- Matthew MacManus would like to know the cost savings of going electric and benefits of switching to electrification.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to close by Bonnie O'Day, seconded by Sandy Sanor