

## Nederland Area Eco Pass Public Improvement District Advisory Committee (NEPPIDAC) Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 8th 2015

1. Introductions: Janette Taylor absent
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:
  - Katrina moved to accept the minutes with the changes suggested by Michael. Topher seconded. Passed.
  - Changes to item #4: Peak to Peak RTD Riders Facebook page is an individual project that Michael does.
3. Update on N bus operation and letter from Mayor Gierlach
  - The Bus Stop at East Street was added to NedPeds bid as an optional item in NedPeds. Need to watch that, if it does go to get built we need to make sure it includes luggage loading.
  - Michael provided a list of talking points for the Mayor's letter to RTD regarding N Bus Operations; safety and operation concerns. The letter will be sent to the interim GM (David Genova) but we should wait until the RTD board approves the appointment. Janette will forward talking points to the Mayor and work with him on content/questions.
  - RTD's Real Time app will launch in January 2016. Google Trip Planner will have the Real-Time embedded in it. NEPPIDAC could use the launch as a way to announce our presence.
4. Update on RTD fare study & US 36 Bus Rapid Transit Plans
  - EcoPasses rates are proposed to go up 12%. N Bus would be re-classed as an Express instead of Regional. So the trip will be .50 more but not as much of an increase had the route stayed regional.
  - Discussion of whether the pass costs will go up because ridership is up (increase in ridership on N Bus 40% since Eco pass introduced), but since the data part from the smart cards is outstanding this is still an unknown. There also is the issue of number of passes from Nederland no longer in Nederland and/or not being used.
  - Worse case we would see the one-time 12% fare increase and then fares are not supposed to increase more than 10% annually aside from fare level adjustments. Fares adjustments usually are done every 3 years... but hasn't been done in 4 years. We did not weigh in on the fare increase.
  - RTD reviewing the pass program in the next couple of months and that will be worth a closer look and possibly some action to address any issues.
  - RTD is making groups of routes one fare which is helpful for riders who make many connections. But there has not been an overall net gain in service - as increases in service in one area is offset by decreases in another area. This is pitting one community against another. Biggest problem is getting the eco passes to work right. Currently the system is putting too much burden or responsibility on the rider to scan all their destinations before they get on.

### Other Discussions:

- If a meeting with RTD happens one of the bigger points is asking RTD to stop treating the mountain routes like town routes. There are unique situations up here and they need to be aware of challenges on mountain roads. One size does not fit all.

### Next meeting:

- More information may be available on the addition of the bus stop, report on any action from the Mayor's letter to RTD.
- Next meeting July 8 @ 6:30 unless a meeting is required to address Mayors Letter or a meeting w/ RTD.