

DOUGLAS TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES
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WEDNESDAY March 18, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M.
DOUGLAS TRANSIT OFFICE
1815 9TH STREET, DOUGLAS, AZ, 85607

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 10:05am by Perri Gojkovich

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members present: John Vaughn, Mariza Nikitas(Via Teams), Xenia Gonzalez, Gary Clark, and Perri Gojkovich.

Committee Members not present: Jessica Aguayo, Matthew Gurney, Angel Lauve, and Chris Vertrees.

3. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE IN WRITING OR VERBALLY ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA.

None Present.

4. DISCUSSION/DECISION on APPROVAL OF December 11, 2025 MINUTES

Motion by Gary Clark, second by John Vaughn to approve December 11, 2025, minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Financial Status Update

Perri Gojkovich reported that the Financial Status Update was included in the packet. All reimbursement requests through December have been submitted. The December reimbursement was accepted on 3/6/2026, so the next reimbursement will be sent.

B. Ridership Report

Perri Gojkovich presented the ridership report, noting total ridership of 27,767, which reflects an increase of 1,089 riders compared to the same time period last year. The Midtown route increased by 720 riders.

Cochise Connection had an increase of 532 riders and remains the highest performing service, with 8,499 riders for October through February. By rider category, Cochise College continues to be the largest ridership group with 12,351 riders, followed by Elderly and Disabled with 6,966 riders, and Seniors with 2,168 riders. Ridership in Elfrida has doubled.

Xenia Gonzalez clarified that reimbursement for December 2025 was fully approved by ADOT in March and that the figures presented reflect monthly breakdowns.

C. 5307/5339 Grant Update

Perri Gojkovich reported that the Preliminary Notice of Award for the 2025 5307/5339 Grant for an 18-passenger bus to replace one of the 2015 buses was received.

Gary Clark asked whether one of the existing 18-passenger buses would be retired. Perri Gojkovich explained that it typically takes a minimum of three years to receive new buses and noted that the current fleet remains in good condition due to preventive maintenance and prompt reporting of issues by drivers.

D. 20265311 Grant Update

Perri Gojkovich reported that the 2026 5311 Grant was submitted, was returned with a few minor corrections, and has since been corrected and resubmitted.

E. ADOT Compliance Report Update

Perri Gojkovich reported that the ADOT Compliance Report packet has been returned. Most Transit Department items have been corrected, and the Finance Department is currently addressing their items. Once finalized and signed, all corrective actions will be complete.

F. SEAGO County Ridership Reporting

Perri Gojkovich reported that SEAGO requested each agency to provide ridership data for individuals residing outside their respective city limits. Melanie Green will compile the data and meet with the county to pursue potential funding contributions for transportation services in Cochise County.

G. Staffing Update

Perri Gojkovich reported that a dispatcher has been hired and that interviews have been conducted for both a Transit Aide and Driver position, as the department currently has one vacancy in each role and is working to fill them.

Xenia Gonzalez reported that the CDL driver candidate withdrew from the selection process.

6. Comments of Board Members

John Vauhn announced that this would be his final meeting due to his upcoming retirement. He inquired whether the agency is participating in the SEAGO TAMS program. Perri Gojkovich confirmed participation. John Vauhn noted that Douglas ARC will not be participating.

7. Next Meeting / Potential Agenda Items

Perri Gojkovich proposed a tentative date subject to change for June 17, 2026, at 10:00am.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Gary Clark seconded by John Vaughn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 AM.

Motion passed unanimously.

By: Perri Gojkovich, Transit Manager