



Meeting Minutes

**DES MOINES AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
TRANSIT RIDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 22, 2023 – NOON
Hybrid Meeting**

[The above TRAC Meeting was hybrid – in person at DART Central Station and virtual via Zoom. The Committee determined that it is convenient to offer this option to members of the Committee, staff and members of the public to accommodate for concerns related to the Covid-19 pandemic.]

TRAC Members Present:

Kaylynn Strain, Kirk Gustafson, Jeremy Guenther, Justin Bates, Brandon Paulsen, James Hanold, Lee Jasinski

TRAC Members Absent:

MaryAnn Ryan

DART Staff Present:

Erin Hockman, Brandon Smiley, Matt Harris, Steve Wright, Tony Filippini, Jan Keeling, Lewis Lowry, Sheri Kyras

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Brandon Paulsen at 12:04 p.m.

Roll call was taken and a quorum met

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

November minutes were approved.

Motion was approved by Justin Bates and seconded by Lee Jasinski

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Heather Armstrong: restructure routes to better serve the “transit desert” areas of DSM

Garland Armstrong: return service to the airport

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Bus Plus & Paratransit Update (Brandon Smiley)

Brandon introduced Lewis, who gave a brief personal history and addressed some of the concerns brought forward by TRAC. He will be taking a “deep dive” to determine what changes can and should be made based on FTA parameters and will be meeting monthly with Yellow cab to discuss concerns.

2. Legislative Update (Erin Hockman)

Erin updated TRAC on Legislative updates

D. OTHER BUSINESS

1. CEO Search Update (Erin)

Erin gave a brief update on the CEO Search

2. Light Duty Bus Purchase (Keith)

Keith updated TRAC on DART's recent Light Duty Bus Purchase

3. City of Des Moines License Agreement for Benches (Tony)

Tony provided and update on the City of Des Moines License Agreement for Benches

E. TRAC MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

G. UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. DART Commission – Noon Tuesday, March 7, 2023 – Zoom / DCS

2. TRAC – Noon Wednesday, March 29, 2023 – Zoom / DCS

H. ADJOURN

Brandon adjourned the meeting at 1:00PM. It moved by Kaylynn Strain and seconded by Justin Bates. The motion carried unanimously.