

Public Transportation Committee

Minutes

6/12/13

Present: Alex Forrest, Jamin Carroll (VATCO), Tom Narrigan (SATCO), Dana Roscoe (PVPC), Leslie Stein

Public Comment: Tom O'Brien from Holyoke joined us as he has in the past. In our discussion of the current PVRTA Comprehensive Service Analysis, Tom said that he would like the Route 48 to Holyoke to run on Sundays and later in the evening.

Minutes of 5/8/13 were approved.

Progress on signage: Jamin Carroll reported little progress on phase three signage due to staffing issues. Phase four bus stop coming signs will be put out soon. The owner of the property at 256 Jackson Street did not want a sign on the property. The Committee agreed to try bus stop coming signs at the corners of Jackson and Gleason Road.

Leslie Stein spoke to Bob Dahlmann of 33 Florence Road about his concerns about a stop at Florence and Ryan Roads.

Old Business: Parking spaces for articulated buses: Leslie Stein will bring this issue to the Parking and Transportation Commission Meeting next week.

New Business: Alex Forrest presented his ideas about increasing the efficiency of some routes, and suggested a central bus stop in the center of Northampton (near City Hall) with a dedicated bus lane. Leslie Stein suggested that his ideas were timely given the PVRTA Comprehensive Service Analysis and the current study of traffic flow that the City is conducting.