



**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
NORTH LIBERTY TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Monday, January 14, 2011

6:30 PM

City Council Chambers

Members: Chair Glenn Siders, Vice-Chair Joshua Sabin, Brenda Conry, James Jetter, Del Long, Adam McLaughlin, Jim Sayre, Councilor Coleen Chipman, Councilor Brian Wayson

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Discussion of Draft Survey with Consultant Dan Wiese
3. Review and Approve Minutes
4. Adjourn

Next Meeting:

Review results of survey.

Mission Statement:

To provide a recommendation with supporting documentation to Council within the next 8 to 10 months for the best possible transit solution meeting the following criteria:

- a. Best addresses the greatest needs of the North Liberty community (who, where, what, when).
- b. Provides the most cost-effective approach to providing service (best service for lowest cost).
- c. Minimizes costs, not to exceed current budget; but other sources of funding should be explored and recommended.

Confidential Report

Please answer all questions that apply to you. Thank you.

Streets

How would you rate the general condition of North Liberty's streets?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

How would you rate snow removal in North Liberty?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

How do you feel about the recent Highway 965 Project street improvements?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

Are you in favor of continuing the Highway 965 Improvements Project to planned completion?
(includes 5 lanes, trail and sidewalks, and no ditches)

- Yes
- No

Utilities

How do you rate the quality of your water in North Liberty?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

How would you rate the value of water and sewer services for the amount you pay?

- Excellent value
- Good value
- Fair value
- Poor value

Transit

There are several types of transit service used in the United States. Please review below the descriptions of the types North Liberty might consider:

a. Fixed-route service: one or more buses that run on the same streets every trip every day.

b. Demand-responsive service: a vehicle that picks you up at your home, delivers you to your destination, then picks you up from your destination later and returns you to your home. You would have to call in advance each and every time you want this service, so it is not intended to be used for work-related trips.

c. Van-pool service: a vehicle is owned by the city and used by a group of people interested in riding together at the same times to destinations that make such an arrangement convenient, usually for work-related trips.

d. Car-pool service: a ride-matching system, probably Web-based, that is set up by the city to help you either offer rides or find rides with others, usually for a price negotiated by the provider and the rider. Car-pooling is most effective for ongoing daily use such as work trips, but could also be used for special-purpose or periodic trips.

Reviewing each of the types of transit service please check below the degree to which each is of interest to you.

	a. Fixed-route	b. Demand-responsive	c. Van-pool	d. Car-pool
Very interested	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Interested	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Somewhat interested	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Not very interested	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Not at all interested	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Again reviewing each of the types of transit service, please check below the likelihood of your using each.

	a. Fixed-route	b. Demand-responsive	c. Van-pool	d. Car-pool
Very likely	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Likely	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Somewhat likely	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Not very likely	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Not at all likely	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you have any thoughts or ideas regarding public transit we would be grateful if you would share them below:

If you have no interest in any of the types of transit, please skip to the next section on Parks and Recreation. Otherwise, please answer the next questions on transit.

Regardless of which type of transit you might use, when do you believe you might use transportation services?

Weekdays, how often?

- Every weekday, all year long
- 3-4 days per week, all year long
- 1-2 days per week, all year long
- A weekday every once in a while

Weekdays, what time of day? Please choose all that apply.

- Early morning (generally 6:30 – 9:00)
- Mid-morning (generally 9:00 – noon)
- Early afternoon (generally noon – 3:00)
- Late afternoon (generally 3:00 – 6:00)
- Evening (generally 6:00 – 9:00)

Weekends, how often?

- Ⓐ Every Saturday, all year long
- Ⓑ Every Sunday, all year long
- Ⓒ A weekend day every once in a while

d. Weekends, what time of day? Please choose all that apply.

- Ⓐ Early morning (generally 6:30 – 9:00)
- Ⓑ Mid-morning (generally 9:00 – noon)
- Ⓒ Early afternoon (generally noon – 3:00)
- Ⓓ Late afternoon (generally 3:00 – 6:00)
- Ⓔ Evening (generally 6:00 – 9:00)

Whether regularly or once in a while, where do you believe you would most often go with a transportation service?

- Ⓐ major nearby landmark, such as “downtown Iowa City”, or “University Hospitals”

Where? _____

- Ⓑ A variety of places, without any regular pattern.

5. If it costs the city about \$4 to provide a one-way trip (for you to get to a destination or to get home), how much do you think you personally would be willing to pay for that trip?

- Ⓐ \$.75 - this is the current cost for bus riders
- Ⓑ \$2
- Ⓒ \$3
- Ⓓ \$4 – the entire cost
- Ⓔ Don't care or don't know

6. Thinking about both summer and winter weather conditions, if a transportation service is available to you that you must walk to use, such as a regular-route bus, about how many standard city blocks (about 300 feet each) do you believe you would consider walking to use it?

- Ⓐ 1
- Ⓑ 2
- Ⓒ 3
- Ⓓ 4
- Ⓔ More than 4
- Ⓕ It must involve little or no walking.

If the city decides to offer additional service in the future, may we contact you by email or postal mail for more information about your transportation needs? If so, please add the following information:

Including this information is totally optional.

Name:

Address:

Email Address:

Parks & Recreation

How would you rate existing North Liberty parks?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

How do you rate current North Liberty park facilities?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

Please share suggestions for improvements in parks.

What would you like to see in a new west side park?

How do you rate existing recreational programs?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair

⑨ Poor

How do you rate existing recreational facilities?

⑨ Excellent

⑨ Good

⑨ Fair

⑨ Poor

Please share any suggestions for new recreation programs and facilities.

For each of the items below please check your level of interest.

City Parks:

	High Interest	Some Interest	No Interest
Band Shell / Stage	⑨	⑨	⑨
Dog Park	⑨	⑨	⑨
Indoor Multi-purpose Facility	⑨	⑨	⑨
Open Grass Areas	⑨	⑨	⑨
Outdoor Sport Courts	⑨	⑨	⑨
Park Shelters	⑨	⑨	⑨
Playground Equipment	⑨	⑨	⑨
Trails	⑨	⑨	⑨

Park Shelters:

	High Interest	Some Interest	No Interest
Covered, open air shelters with tables	⑨	⑨	⑨
Enclosed shelters with heat/air	⑨	⑨	⑨
Restrooms	⑨	⑨	⑨
Utilities; Water & Electricity	⑨	⑨	⑨

Indoor Multi-purpose Facility components:

	High Interest	Some Interest	No Interest
Archery Targets	⑨	⑨	⑨
Batting Cages	⑨	⑨	⑨
Horseshoe Pits	⑨	⑨	⑨
Pickleball Courts	⑨	⑨	⑨
Racquetball Courts	⑨	⑨	⑨
Rental Space (family gatherings)	⑨	⑨	⑨

Any other ideas for the indoor Multi-Purpose Facility that you would find of high interest?

- Yes * what?
- No

Outdoor Sport Courts components:

	High Interest	Some Interest	No Interest
Horseshoe Pits	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Miniature Golf	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pickleball Courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sand Volleyball Courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Any other ideas for outdoor sports courts that you would find of high interest?

- Yes * what?
- No

North Liberty Government

How do you feel about the accessibility of North Liberty's Mayor and City Council members?

- Very accessible
- Somewhat accessible
- Not very accessible
- Not at all accessible

How about the accessibility of North Liberty city staff?

- Very accessible
- Somewhat accessible
- Not very accessible
- Not at all accessible

How do you feel about the growth of North Liberty?

- The pace is just right
- The pace is too slow
- The pace if too fast

Do you think the City Library is too small and needs to be enlarged?

- ⑨ It's critical, I highly approve
- ⑨ It's nice, but not a top priority
- ⑨ I'm neutral on that
- ⑨ I am against it, we have more important priorities

How do you get news and information about North Liberty government?

What is North Liberty's highest priority need, in your opinion?

Please share any other comments you'd like the City Council to hear.

Thank You Very Much

Minutes of the Transit Advisory Committee
Second Meeting: Monday, November 8, 2010
City Council Chambers
6:30 PM

Members Present: Brenda Conry, James Jetter, Adam McLaughlin, Joshua Sabin, Jim Sayre, Glenn Siders, Councilor Coleen Chipman, Councilor Brian Wayson

Members Absent: None

1. Call to Order. Staff opened the meeting at about 6:35, and reported that Del Long will not be able to participate with the committee because he has conflicts on Monday evenings.
2. Presentation of New Information by Staff and Discussion. Wheatley briefly summarized the information sent to committee members with the agenda packet. In addition to the summary, the following information was attached and discussed:
 - 28E Agreement with Coralville for transit services, and amendment.
 - Historic North Liberty ridership and costs.
 - SEATS Rider's Guide.
 - Summary of the North Liberty Transit Survey, 2009.

Jim Sayre suggested that a new survey might be done to gauge current demand for various types of service, and there was general agreement on that point after discussion of the 2009 survey. Jim Jetter feels strongly that additional buses are needed, and staff reminded the group that one direction from Council was to stay within or close to the current budget. Glenn stated that the group should not reject the potential of more service without more study. Josh asked the group to think about identifying the value of the bus service to the city, and discussion returned to the 2009 survey. Everyone thinks it could have been done better in one way or another. There was consensus among the group that a new survey and analysis would be very desirable, followed by assistance from a transit consultant to identify best alternatives. Brenda feels that the city should do a better job of promoting bus use because of its environmental benefits.

3. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair. Jim Sayre nominated Glenn Siders for the Chair position. Josh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Glenn then asked for volunteers to serve as vice-chair, and Josh said he was interested. Brenda seconded and Josh was elected Vice-Chair unanimously.
4. The next meeting will be December 13, when staff will report back on possible costs for survey and transit consulting work. The meeting adjourned at about 8:15.