



Meeting Minutes

**DES MOINES AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
TRANSIT RIDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 29, 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:

James Hanold, Jeremy Guenther, Justin Bates, Kaylynn Strain, Lee Jasinski, MaryAnn Ryan, David Campbell, Laurie Jones, Todd Kilzer

TRAC Members Absent:

Brandon Paulsen

DART Staff Present:

Catlin Curry, Erin Hockman, Lewis Lowry, Brandon Smiley, Jan Keeling, Sarah Welch, Keith Welch

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order by Catlyn Curry at 12:02 p.m.
Roll call was taken, and a quorum was met.

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

October minutes were approved.
The motion was approved by Lee Jasinski and seconded by Kaylynn Strain.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Garland Armstrong: Concerns about the fiscal cliff. Wanted assurance that we had a plan if a fire were to take place in an electric bus.
Heather Armstrong: Recommended a gas tax to assist with funding.
Kaylynn Strain: Concern over operators taking off from stops prior to passengers being situated.

C. ACTION ITEMS

1. TRAC Vice Chair Election

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. FY25 Budget & Service Planning – TRAC Involvement (Erin / Sarah)

Sarah gave a brief update of the FY25 Budget & Service Planning and how TRAC can be involved.

Questions/ Concerns:

- a. Grimes withdrawing in 2025

- b. Climate action plan

2. Fixed Route Bus Feedback (Keith)

Keith asked the committee for feedback on the Fixed Route Buses.

- a. 30' buses are less popular due to problems with accessibility, no second exit and limited seating options.
- b. Articulated buses were discussed.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

G. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 1. DART Commission – Noon, Tuesday, December 5, 2023 – Zoom / DCS
- 2. TRAC – Noon, Wednesday, December 20, 2023 – Zoom / DCS

H. ADJOURN

Catlin adjourned the meeting at 12:55pm.

It was moved by Lee Jasinski and seconded Jeremy Guenther.

The motion carried unanimously.