

**ACTION AGENDA
REGULAR SESSION
TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026, 1:00PM
CITY OF BISBEE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
118 ARIZONA STREET BISBEE, AZ**

Called to Order: 1:05PM

Roll Call:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Rene Lopez- Bisbee Transit Mgr	X		
Bisbee Citizen- Julie Turek		X	
Local Business-Melanie Greene			X
Senior Citizen Rep.-Vacant			X
Local Disability Comm-Vacant			X
Perri Gojkovich, City of Douglas	X		
Noelle Lievanos, CO Douglas	X		
Lorena Valdez, Transit Coord.			X
Chris Vertrees, SEAGO			X
Jessica Aguayo, SEAGO	X		
Mariza Nikitas, CO Benson	X		
Angel Lauve, CO Willcox			X
Gerald Hursh, CO Huachuca City			X
Anna Cline, Council Liaison			X
Matthew Gurney, PW Director			X
Logan Dodd, PW Operations Mgr.	X		
Jesse Zaragoza, ADOT Prog Mgr.			X

Call to Public:

Item 1.

Approval of Minutes: Approve the Minutes of the May 20, 2026, meeting.

MOTION: Logan Dodd SECOND: Perri Gojkovich APPROVAL: Rene Lopez

Item 2.

RFP – Rejection of Bids: *Update regarding rejecting of all bids received in response to the RFP for the Bisbee Bus Operation Contract*

– NO ACTION – PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ONLY.

In August, the City elected to reject all proposals received for the Bisbee Bus Operations Contract RFP. One bid was too high, and the other was not responsive enough to the scope of work. To maintain continuity of service, the City plans to seek a one-year extension of the current contract and obtain a cost estimate for that extension.

Item 3.

Service Interruptions and Contingency Planning: *Discussion regarding service interruptions resulting from bus failures, development of a contingency plan, and coordination with other agencies regarding available mechanic resources and contact information.*

– NO ACTION – PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ONLY.

Discussion of service interruptions caused by bus failures, contingency planning, and coordination with other agencies to identify available mechanics and their contact information. An Excel Spreadsheet has been created and a link to it was sent to TAC members to pass on to their fleet services.

Item 4.

ADOT Bus Award and Increased Costs: *Discussion regarding the ADOT award for a new bus, the increase in the final invoice due to price increases, and potential cost-reduction measures in coordination with the sales representative.*

– NO ACTION – PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ONLY.

Discussion of the ADOT award shortfall for a new bus and price increases reflected in the final invoice. Cost-reduction measures taken include itemizing the listed add-ons and exploring the direct purchase of certain parts from the manufacturer to reduce markups, in coordination with the sales representative and subject to applicable regulatory requirements.

Item 5.

Community Outreach: Discussion regarding current and future community outreach efforts and opportunities for increased public engagement.

– NO ACTION – PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ONLY.

Discussion included holiday light tours as a way to raise awareness of bus service, with an example of coordinating tours with a community decorating contest. Participants noted that special routes operating outside regular service days or hours must be included in the Section 5311 grant application for ADOT approval.

Item 6.

Ridership Report, Cochise Connections Report and Other News: Current ridership report, Cochise Connections report, and other updates. (Perri Gojkovich, City of Douglas)

– NO ACTION – PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ONLY.

Perri Gojkovich reported 22,849 Bisbee Bus rides through July. She also reported 14,991 Cochise Connection rides as of July and an 11% increase in its October-through-July ridership. The transfer center was its busiest stop in July, with Port of Entry ridership expected to rise as college classes resumed.

Item 7.

Future Agenda Items (No Discussion)

Adjournment: 1:25pm

MOTION: Perri Gojkovich SECOND: Jessica Aguayo

APPROVED: Rene Lopez