



# COMMITTEE REPORT



JOINT TRANSPORTATION AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022 | 2:00 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS | CITY COUNCIL FACEBOOK

## MINUTES

COUNCILOR DARRELL B. O'QUINN, CHAIR  
COUNCILORS LATONYA A. TATE AND CLINTON P. WOODS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councilor(s) Present: O'Quinn

Due to Lack of Quorum, Items Recommended to the City Council Agenda by the Committee Chair, Councilor O'Quinn.

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Councilor O'Quinn.

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA / MINUTES – November 14, 2022.**

**Action Taken:**

**Approval of Minutes Delayed – Lack of Quorum.**

III. **NEW APPLICANT: Birmingham Trolley Tours, LLC**

**OWNER: Pete Blank**

The owner has not submitted the route.

**Action Taken:**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda by the Committee Chair, Councilor O'Quinn.**

IV. **NEW APPLICANT: Love Lift LLC OWNER: Passion Williams**

**Action Taken:**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda by the Committee Chair, Councilor O'Quinn.**

V. **NEW APPLICANT: Safe Dependable Care Corp OWNER: Charles Brown**

**Action Taken:**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda by the Committee Chair, Councilor O'Quinn.**

VI. **BJCTA SERVICE EXPANSION UPDATE Presented by: Charlotte Shaw, BJCTA**

**Charlotte Shaw presented the update.**

The BJCTA has been faced with a workforce shortage, especially bus operators and mechanics.

The bus operators directly affect the impact on how many trips can be made depending on the number of operators within a given day.

BJCTA is currently down 44 operators (on fixed routes).

The BJCTA is moving towards Microtransit; it will help in term of efficiencies and move some drivers where they are needed most.

The BJCTA Board of Directors approved a partnership with VIA for nighttime service.

**Wytangy Peak Finney presented an update on the expanded zones.**

The city of Birmingham has a new night time zone.

There were 148 completed rides during the first few nights of service, 99 active rides, 61 new accounts were launched with an average wait time of 6 minutes, with an average 2.9 trips per VIA hour.

The coverage areas/zones have been expanded.

The city of Hoover has expressed an interest in the service.

The Birmingham Xpress is performing very well.

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One of the goals is to make connectivity; every route does not have to come into Central Station. Routes have been identified to connect to different areas of the city.

**Transit Oriented Development (TOD).**

BJCTA has been awarded a \$1.3 million transit-oriented development opportunity to connect to the east transit center.

BJCTA will work with Woodlawn United and REV Birmingham.

The opportunity will look at mixed-use growth and development around transit.

BJCTA is working on a smart with in conjunction with the Regional Planning Commission and ClasTran; looking accessibility options in the greater Birmingham area.

**Action Taken:**

**No Action – Information Only.**

**VII. VIA EXPANSION UPDATE**

**Presented by: Christina Argo, BDOT**

**Christina Argo presented an update.**

Birmingham On-Demand pilot kicked off in 2019.

There has been a significant increase in demand for service.

The service is projected to complete 70K rides in 2022.

The service has completed over 136K rides, with an average wait time of 9.1 minutes, 4.9/5 riders rating, and has two wheelchair accessible vehicles (WAV).

The service received positive feedback from customers.

A zone has been created to cover all of the major points of interest in the east side.

**Action Taken:**

**No Action – Information Only.**

**VIII. BLOOMBERG INITIATIVE FOR CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE (BICI) GRANT APPLICATION**

**Presented by: Colin Alexander, BDOT**

**Colin Alexander presented an update.**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documents required for the City to complete and submit a grant application with Bloomberg Philanthropies, the Bloomberg Initiative for Cycling Infrastructure program, to implement transformative cycling infrastructure improves in the City of Birmingham if awarded.

This is a globally competitive grant run by the Bloomberg Foundation, and a three-year program for implementation to improve bike infrastructure.

They will give awards between \$400K and \$1 million to 10 cities globally.

The focus area is 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South to connect the Rotary Trail and Railroad Park.

The application period is open until February 10, 2023.

There is no local match (not a federal match).

The City is partnering with REV Birmingham, Freshwater Land Trust, and Levitate Legal.

**Action Taken:**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda by the Committee Chair, Councilor O’Quinn.**

**IX. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

None

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The Meeting was adjourned by the Committee Chair, Councilor O’Quinn.