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**CITY OF BENSON
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 20, 2014 - 10:00 A/M/
BENSON CITY HALL
120 W. 6TH STREET, BENSON, ARIZONA**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

<u>Attendees</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Lupe Diaz	Benson Chamber of Commerce President
Connie Gastelum	SEAGO Regional Mobility Manager
Humberto Rivera	Douglas Transit Manager
Cheri Shull	City of Benson Engineering Aide
Joyce Stevens	Senior Representative
Helen Alto	Guest

Members not present:

Corinna Carbajal,	City of Bisbee Programs/Grant Administrator;
Stacey Feinsilver	SEAHBS - RSS/BHT
Debbie Franklin	Disabled Representative

CALL TO PUBLIC:

Helen Alton introduced herself to the committee. Helen volunteers for CCS, AARP, Salvation Army and Senior Bingo.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lupe Diaz made a motion to accept minutes of November 21, 2013 meeting as written. Connie Gastelum seconded the motion. Motion passed.
2. Review of new Fixed Route Schedule, Dial-A-Ride Schedule and Fares.
3. Financial Report

The financial report was discussed. One full time and two part time drivers are now employed. The change in staffing has resulted in a decrease in all areas of the Operating Budget.

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4. Discussion of Mission Statement - Current Mission Statement: The mission of Benson Area Transit is to provide reliable, safe, and affordable public transportation service to meet the needs of Benson residents and visitors to enjoy our comfortable community and the local attractions it has to offer.

Members discussed shortening the statement and making it more concise. The statement should change as goals change. When doing goals, it should go hand in hand with the budget..

5. Staff Comments -

Changes in the schedule were presented by Cheri Shull. Trips are now being made twice a week to Willow Lake. The drop-off and pickup locations will change at WalMart to the east end of the building which will eliminate heavier traffic areas making it a safer location for all.

Applications have been received for three substitute drivers. Interviews should start shortly.

Discussion was held on how to provide transportation for people coming into Benson on Amtrak as they need transportation to a car rental agency and to their lodgings. So far the City has been handling on a case to case basis.

6. Members Comments: None

- 7: Next Meeting/Potential items for agenda. - Next meeting will be Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 10:00a.m. Joyce Stevens was asked to call members to remind them of meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.