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Subject: Re: August TC Minutes

Hi, folks,

I am feeling like utter crap today and expect just this e-mail to exhaust me, so I may not make it into the TC meeting. In case I don't, please share this information with the committee:

Minutes corrections:
[p. 5]
> Sabrah: The Sabrah has kept using the excuse of new buses in January as a way to calm everyonedown.

The City, please. Even my ego isn't big enough to require a "the."

[p. 6]
> Sabrah: The problem is half the room is operating with
> insufficient information. Council has already been told that
> preventative maintenance issues have been presented to Council as a
> list with actions they should take.

Second sentence here needs editing, don't care how you do it.

Other business:

* I'd prefer Third Wednesdays and NOT in the police building than Third Tuesdays and in the police building.

* Vacancies -- I don't remember us discussing the Spanish/Russian speakers as mentioned in the MMTC presentation, but I do like the idea, although I don't want to keep a seat vacant longer while we figure out a recruiting strategy. I'm averse in general to filling seats without interviews or having people attend meetings often enough that we know who they are without an interview. However, if y'all really want to vote on someone today, I'd go with Harvey Harold.

* The Presentation - I've no idea what SAA means. And I don't drink coffee. :-)

I also really want this information to go formally into the record, re: Transit Committee experiences:

* Two weeks ago, I had James over to watch videos. He left my apartment at 9:20 in the evening to catch the N1 that should have arrived at my stop at 9:43 and gotten him to the station by 10 to catch his own E1 home. Instead, the N1 didn't show up at the stop until around 10:20 pm, almost 40 minutes late and making him dependent on the last run of the E1. He did make that in time -- but despite him waiting at the bus bay, the E1 drove right past him, forcing him to walk to BeLoved for help getting a cab to take him home.

* One week ago, I had a dentist appointment. I should have been on the N2 that gets to my home stop at 1:08, then on the next bus down Biltmore that would have gotten me there 20 minutes early. Instead, the N2 never showed up and the next N1, which should have arrived at 1:43, didn't show up until 1:56. Since I had now completely missed my appointment (the dentist quite reasonably won't hold space for you after you're over 10 minutes late), I decided to go run another errand instead, which I had originally planned to do after the appointment. But since the N1 I'd just gotten off of was late (arriving at the station at 2:03), I missed the 2 PM W1 transfer I needed to be on, and had to sit around waiting half an hour for the next Haywood Rd bus. On the way home, the western bus got into the station at 3:32, again making me narrowly miss my N2 transfer home. I had to wait another half hour, for an N1 that didn't arrive at the station until 4:08, 10 minutes late again. All told, I spent 3.5 hours to accomplish one errand -- which itself took only 10 minutes. The entire rest of the time was spent waiting because of late buses. I also now have a missed-appointment fee I can't afford, and because the only low-income dental care available is through a service that schedules openings several months in advance, I won't be able to reschedule the appointment until over a year after the doctor said I needed it. THAT's what late buses mean for necessity riders.

sigh

If anyone has a laptop they won't be using during the meeting and wants to Zoom me in, I'll try to attend that way, but otherwise, no, I don't expect I'll make it out of the house.

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