

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

10:15 a.m.

Quincy Street Station via Zoom

Committee Members present: Deborah Dawkins, Mary Thomas, Kristen Stock, Anthony Fadale, and Taylor Moore.

Committee Members absent: Nancy Johnson, Libby Adams, Marty Winans, Mike Nolting, Brian Snodderly, and Mark Webb.

TMTA Staff present: Al Bradley and Elizabeth Manson.

The meeting was called to order by Al Bradley at 10:15 a.m. There were no guests present or public comment offered.

There were no corrections to the prior minutes.

Mr. Bradley stated that Topeka Metro will continue to follow the Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) directive of May 12, 2021, that requires face masks be worn in all transit vehicles and facilities. Anyone inside any public, shared area of our facilities, company vehicles or bus shelters must wear a face mask at all times. However, face masks are not required in “fresh air” areas like our parking areas or outside the Quincy Street Station. We will continue to monitor and implement safety protocols and recommendations as directed by the TSA, Governor, public health and transportation authorities, and local leaders to ensure the safety and well-being of our employees, our customers, and our community.

Mr. Bradley reminded the agency members to contact our office by using the emergency e-mail (emergencyclosings@topekametro.org) or call directly 785-783-7000 option #2, as soon as possible if their agency is going to be closed or delayed due to inclement weather. Mr. Bradley asked the agency members to remind their clients to have sidewalks and ramps clear of snow and ice prior to the bus arriving to help keep everyone safe.

Mr. Bradley announced Michelle Stottlemire has joined Topeka Metro as our new Operations Training Supervisor. Prior to this position, she served as a Public Services Specialist where she planned and facilitated CDL training and other educational public programs.

Mr. Bradley presented the November 2021 ridership report. Fixed route ridership is down 10.9%. Lift ridership is up by 18.5% compared to last year.

Mr. Bradley announced Topeka Metro is currently hosting three public meetings to discuss proposed bus route service reductions due to the current workforce shortage.

Mr. Bradley discussed various upcoming events at Topeka Metro:

- Bookmobile no longer coming to QSS
- Public Meeting #1, 7-10am, Quincy Street Station 1/12
- Public Meeting #2, 4-7pm, Quincy Street Station 1/13
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day 1/17 – Limited Holiday Service
- Public Meeting #3, 4pm, Quincy Street Station 1/18

- President's Day 2/21 – Regular service
- Daylight Savings Time Begins 3/13

Upcoming meetings for 2022 are scheduled as follows at **10:15 a.m. at QSS or via zoom:**

- **Wednesday, March 9th**
- **Wednesday, May 11th**
- **Wednesday, July 13th**
- **Wednesday, September 14th**
- **Wednesday, November 9th**

The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Manson

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