

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

10:15 a.m.

Quincy Street Station via Zoom

Committee Members present: Deborah Dawkins, Anthony Fadale, Kirsten Stock, Mary Thomas, Marty Winans, and Mike Nolting.

Committee Members Absent: Brian Snodderly, Mark Webb, Libby Adams, Taylor Moore, Nancy Johnson, and Britney Stidham.

TMTA Staff present: Al Bradley

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

There were no corrections to the prior minutes.

Mr. Bradley started the meeting with safety, by explaining our securement policy. Mr. Bradley said that when an Operator secures a passenger in a wheelchair, whether on a lift bus or Fixed route bus, they secure the passenger with a lap belt and a shoulder belt. If the passenger refuses one or the other, the operator explains the safety concerns of not securing the belt. If the passenger insists on not having one or the belt secured, the operator will call it in to scheduling for documentation.

Mr. Bradley reminded members that Topeka Metro has ended the "Kids Ride Free" program but will continue to allow all high school students to ride free through the school year. For the students to ride they must show their current school ID's.

Mr. Bradley reminded the members that Flu season is approaching, and this would be a good time to set up an appointment to get them. He also talked about the recurrence of covid cases in the county. He said there are covid booster shots available at some Pharmacy locations now.

Mr. Bradley talked about the new diesel fixed route buses that are arriving. He cautioned the members that DoubleMap was not set up yet and the drivers also had to call out timepoints, landmarks and pertinent locations until this was worked out. Mr. Bradley also took time to let the members know that the new ride guides were in. He said they were in the process of delivering them to most of the agencies on our list. He also said if their agency hadn't received any to let him know and he would get some delivered.

Mr. Bradley spoke briefly about the progress of “Metro on Demand.” He read statistics from the last weekly report and encouraged members to promote the service if they had clients living in the MOD zone.

Mr. Bradley did not send the ridership report presented for August 2023. Mr. Bradley said that if anyone had specific questions later or wanted to view it, he would email it to them asap and if they had any questions to let him know by email as well.

Mr. Bradley discussed the following events:

- Board Meeting – 9/18/ at 3:15
- Fire Prevention Month - October
- Customer Service Week – 10-2 thru 10-6
- Board Session 10/6 at 8:30
- Board meeting – 10/16 at 3:15
- Halloween 10/31

Upcoming meetings for 2023 are scheduled as follows at **10:15 a.m. at QSS or via zoom:**

Wednesday, November 8th

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Bradley
Topeka Metro Operations Supervisor