

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

10:15 a.m.

Quincy Street Station via Zoom

Committee Members present: Deborah Dawkins, Maria Ruiz, and Mary Thomas

Committee Members absent: Nancy Johnson, Libby Adams, Brian Snodderly, Shelby Fry, Mike Nolting, Mark Webb, and Anthony Fadale.

TMTA Staff present: Al Bradley.

The meeting was called to order by Al Bradley at 10:20 a.m. Britney Stidham with Community Resources Council was present. There were no other guests present or public comment offered.

There were no corrections to the prior minutes.

Mr. Bradley stated COVID-19 remains our number one concern. We are continuing to staff Quincy Street Station (QSS) with “Ambassadors” to sanitize surfaces inside the buses in between their runs, inside and outside of the bus station, the bus benches and the bus shelters. We are continuing face covering requirements for passengers and employees while on Topeka Metro property. Passengers must wear a face covering at all times on the bus, at QSS and at bus stops when a minimum 6 feet distance from others cannot be maintained.

Mr. Bradley announced agency member Dennis Tenpenny has retired. With his retirement we have an Agency Member position, an Ex-officio Agency Member and a Consumer member position open. Maria Ruiz with Community Action has expressed interest in filling the Agency Member position. There were no objections.

Mr. Bradley asked the committee members if anyone had an update or a revision for the ACATS By-Laws they would like to submit. There were not.

Mr. Bradley asked the Agency members for help in reminding their staff the importance of staff being at their clients’ residences on time to receive their clients upon Topeka Metro transporting their clients to their destinations. We have seen an increase of staff either being late or just arriving at the client residence.

Al Bradley presented the March 2021 ridership report. Fixed route ridership was down 28.7% compared to last year. Lift ridership was up 2.1% over last year. We have begun seeing an increase in new lift applications.

Mr. Bradley discussed various upcoming events at Topeka Metro:

- Kids Ride Free – 5/15 thru 8/15 – *fixed route only*
- Board of Directors Meeting 5/17
- Memorial Day 5/31 – All Topeka Metro facilities closed
- Board of Directors Committee Meeting 6/11
- Board of Directors Meeting 6/21
- Independence Day – 7/4 – *Sunday*
- Independence Day observed – 7/5 – All Topeka Metro facilities closed
- Board of Directors Committee Meeting 7/9

Mr. Bradley stated due to budget restraints the Topeka Metro board members voted to eliminate several ridership promotions this year.

Upcoming meetings for 2021 are scheduled as follows at **10:15 a.m. at QSS or via zoom:**

- **Wednesday, July 14th**
- **Wednesday, September 8th**
- **Wednesday, November 10th**

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Manson
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