

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

10:15 a.m.

Quincy Street Station via Zoom

Committee Members present: Mark Webb, Dennis Tenpenny and Anthony Fadale

Committee Members absent: Nancy Johnson, Deborah Dawkins, Libby Adams, Brian Snodderly, Maria Ruiz, Shelby Fry, Mary Thomas and Mike Nolting.

TMTA Staff present: Al Bradley and Elizabeth Manson.

The meeting was called to order by Al Bradley at 10:20 a.m. Guest Taylor Moore with Topeka Independent Living Resource Center was present. There were no other guests present or public comment offered.

There were no corrections to the prior minutes.

Mr. Bradley apologized for the technical difficulties we experienced during the January meeting. Ultimately the meeting was canceled.

Mr. Bradley stated Covid-19 remains are number one concern. The Board voted to resume collecting bus fare beginning February 1, 2021. Passengers must have their fare accepted at the farebox or they will not be allowed to ride. Operators are not to assist passengers with fare. 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 asked the committee members to review the current ACATS By-Laws. We will discuss any updates at the next meeting. Mr. Bradley announced we have an Ex-officio Agency Member position open. Maria Ruiz with Community Action has expressed interest in filling that position.

Elizabeth Manson presented the January 2021 ridership report. Fixed route ridership was down 27% compared to last year. Lift ridership was down by 48.1% over last year. The Board voted to reinstate collecting bus fares beginning February 1, 2021.

Mr. Bradley discussed various upcoming events at Topeka Metro:

- Day Light Saving Time Begins 3/14
- Board of Directors Meeting 3/15
- St Patrick's Day 3/17 – Regular Service
- Bus Driver Appreciation Day – 3/18
- Good Friday 4/2 – Regular service
- Board of Directors Committee Meeting 4/9
- Board of Directors Meeting 4/19
- Board of Directors Committee Meeting 5/7

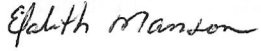
Upcoming meetings for 2021 are scheduled as follows at **10:15 a.m. at QSS or via zoom:**

- **Wednesday, May 12th**

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth Manson
Topeka Metro Operations Assistant