

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

10:15 a.m.

Quincy Street Station via Zoom

Committee Members present: Libby Adams, Britney Senton, Kristen Stock, Nancy Johnson, Anthony Fadale, and Mike Nolting.

Committee Members Absent: Deborah Dawkins, Mary Winans, Brian Snodderly, Mark Webb, and Mary Thomas.

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. Everyone should have a tornado plan in place. The pre-designated safety-rated areas at QSS include the public, family, and employee restrooms. The restroom in the south meeting room is not safety-rated as a tornado shelter.

When experiencing extreme summertime temperatures and heat indexes, everyone should stay hydrated. If you know anyone that may be bothered by the heat, especially the elderly, please check on their welfare. Anthony Fadale said he had received a quarterly newsletter from FEMA related to the heat and would be glad to send it to Mr. Bradley.

For now, there is still no face mask mandate on public transit.

Mr. Bradley stated that TILRC is celebrating the 32nd anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act on Friday, July 29, 2022, from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm at the Garfield Community Center Shelter. RSVP is requested by July 22nd.

Mr. Bradley announced that Lift riders requesting pick-up times rather than using the pickup window that is given to them for their rides run the risk of not being able to get to their appointment on time. In addition, a Lift passenger may exchange their ride with another Lift passenger if the pick-up, destination, times, and mobility aid requirement are the same and it is approved in advance by the scheduling department.

Mike Nolting inquired if a Lift rider was ill and not able to take the ride could the PCA take their place if the pickup, return, and times of the ride were the same. Mr. Bradley said that he would check into this and send an e-mail to the committee members.

Mr. Bradley presented the June 20, 2022, ridership report. It doesn't appear that fixed route ridership is going up in relation to increasing gas prices. There are more trips on the Lift rather than CCT in the past few months. It appears Topeka Metro is doing more trips in-house.

Mr. Fadale asked if transportation would be provided for early voting and election day. Mr. Bradley said that he received no information on free rides on voting day. Normally, that is only done on national election days.

Mr. Bradley discussed the following events:

- Kids Ride Free ends on 8/15/22
- Board Meeting 7/18/22 at 3:15

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

Wednesday, September 14th

Wednesday, November 9th

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Bradley
Topeka Metro Operations Supervisor