

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

10:15 a.m.

Quincy Street Station

Committee Members present: Shelby Fry, Maria Ruiz, Anthony Fadale, Mark Webb, and Mike Nolting.

Committee Members absent: Nancy Johnson, Mary Thomas, Dennis Tenpenny, Deborah Dawkins, Libby Adams, Brian Snodderly and Linda Kehres.

TMTA Staff present: Elizabeth Manson, Kris Lubber and Mike Spadafore.

The meeting was called to order by Elizabeth Manson at 10:15 a.m. Guest Shlya Mason with Community Resource Council was present.

There were no corrections to the prior minutes.

Ms. Manson announced Susan Duffy's resignation and Denise Ensley would be the interim.

Shelby Fry inquired about the progress of Compassionate Care's parking/drop-off staging area. Currently our lift buses are not able to utilize the parking/drop-off staging area without requiring the operator to back up the bus onto the main street, which is a safety concern. We are still communicating with them for possible solutions. Mr. Fadale stated he is still looking into whether or not height restrictions are required to be posted.

Mr. Fadale stated Ms. Duffy was going to make a recommendation to Topeka Metro for the appointment to the ADA Advisory council. Mr. Fadale strongly encourages Topeka Metro's involvement.

Ms. Manson introduced Mike Spadafore, Director of Mobility Management. Mr. Spadafore explained he will be developing relationships and building partnerships with local business's, medical center's, schools, social service agencies, and job centers through outreach and education on how to connect in the region in ways that are affordable and accessible to everyone.

Ms. Manson presented the March 2019 ridership report. Fixed route ridership is up 1.1% compared to last year. Lift ridership decreased by 2.8% over last year.

Ms. Manson discussed various upcoming events at Topeka Metro:

- Seniors Ride Free Month – 5/1 thru 5/31 – *fixed route only*
- Public Employees Ride Free Week – 5/6 thru 5/11 – *fixed route only*
- Brown v. Board Mural Bus Wrap Reveal – 5/10 – TPAC
- Kids Ride Free – 5/15 thru 8/15 – *fixed route only*
- Board of Directors Meeting – 5/20
- Memorial Day – 5/27 – All Topeka Metro facilities closed
- Dump the Pump – 6/20 – *fixed route only*
- Independence Day – 7/4 - All Topeka Metro facilities closed

Mark Webb stated he would like to see Topeka Metro introduce a route connecting the West 29th to all the other routes out west. Currently you have to ride the West 29th to Quincy Street Station to transfer to another route to ride back out to the west side of town.

Mr. Webb inquired as to why the braille was taken off the bus staging area placards. He would like to see the placards replaced. Mr. Webb also suggested placing braille in the shelters and possibly bringing back the model of Quincy Street Station that was in the lobby some time ago.

Upcoming meetings for 2019 were scheduled as follows at **10:15 a.m. at QSS**

- **Wednesday, July 10th**
- **Wednesday, September 11th**
- **Wednesday, November 13th**

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Manson
Topeka Metro Operations Assistant