

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

**Wednesday, May 11, 2022**

**10:15 a.m.**

**Quincy Street Station via Zoom**

Committee Members present: Britney Senton, Taylor Moore, Mike Nolting, and Kristen Stock.

Committee Members absent: Deborah Dawkins, Marty Winans, Anthony Fadale, Nancy Johnson, Libby Adams, 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, The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has announced that it will no longer enforce its mask-related security directives. If future circumstances change, the mask mandate could be reinstated, but for now, there is no mask mandate on public transit. There will be no “mask shaming” towards any person who chooses to continue wearing a mask.

Mr. Bradley stated that beginning Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, the sales windows at QSS will not be open on Saturdays. Currently, we are seeing this as a temporary change, due to staff shortage. However, there will be someone on duty to answer questions and schedule Lift rides by contacting us at 785-783-7000. The Monday thru Friday lobby hours will remain the same, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Bradley revisited the five new ARBOC paratransit buses with members and that the buses have been released into the fleet. He talked about operator training, and that the buses would not have a lift but were equipped with a ramp, and depending on the size of the wheelchair the bus could accommodate up to 3 wheelchairs.

Mr. Bradley announced that the TVM at QSS is no longer in service. Riders will no longer be given a 10% discount at the window because the TVM is no longer in use.

Mr. Bradley announced that all bikes are welcome, but there are limitations regarding the style, tires, and size of the bike. No electric or gasoline-powered bikes are allowed on the bike rack. If a passenger with a bike is waiting and the bike rack is full, they can wait for another bus.

Mr. Bradley presented the April 2022 ridership report. Mr. Bradley quoted the summary from the board report that full fare fixed-route actually exceeding March 2020, reduced fare, fixed-route blow 50% of March 2020. All student populations (including Washburn) exceed March 2020. Consider this is also traditionally Spring Break.

Mr. Bradley discussed various upcoming events at Topeka Metro:

- The month of May is National Bike month
- 3/15/2022 thru 8/15/2022 Kids Ride Free
- 3/30/2022 Memorial Day

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

- **Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**
- **Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**
- **Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

The meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Bradley

Topeka Metro Operations Supervisor