

GCRTA CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD  
ADA COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: 8/20/08

TIME: 9:30 am

SUBMITTED BY: Steve Albro

PRESENT: Steve Albro, chair, Frank Anderson, Marty Golob Ron Jackson, Donna Prease, Eugene Thompson, George Zeller, Brad Chase (CAB Chair), Judy Sklerrek, RTA Rider, John Goodworth RTA Staff.

Mr. Albro noted with sadness the passing of CAB Member Rip Ruhlman.

Mr. Zeller discussed the local economy and forecast of sales tax revenue. He sees the eight year economic downturn continuing and any improvement in revenues as unlikely. Given the unfavorable economic news the Committee discussed the possible impact of future service cuts on the disability ridership both in fixed route service and Paratransit. The Committee needs to be ready to provide input into possible fare and service scenarios as they are proposed.

Mr. Albro noted that Mr. Jackson's previous observation of the inaccessibility of the NW and SW quadrants of Public Square is indeed valid. While the sidewalks around these quadrants are accessible there are no accessible paths of travel through them. There steps that have no railings and no ramps. Thus a wheelchair user or an ambulatory person with neuro-orthopedic limitations would find it very difficult or impossible to negotiate these areas. GCRTA has gone to great lengths to insure accessibility of transit waiting environments and coaches on the Healthline. It appears that the City Of Cleveland was not as user friendly in renovating these two sections of Public Square.

Mr. Goodworth went over the renovation plans for the Puritas and Woodhill Rapid Transit Stations.

Puritas will have three elevators to transport passengers from parking lot and bus concourse to the rail platform. There will also be another entrance from an existing neighborhood street. The project will be ready to bid by the end of 2008. Ground breaking will be Spring of 2009 and completion scheduled for Autumn 2010.

Woodhill will have an elevator coming from street level as well as an accessible pedestrian path coming through the parking lot. There will be an indoor room for relief from weather extremes. The building will be locked at night.

Both areas will be equipped with security cameras. Puritas will have an RTA Police Substation.

Next meeting will take place on September 18 at 9:30am. It is hoped that Mike Hargrove will provide the Committee with an update on Paratransit operations.

Adjournment at 11:03 am.