

GCRTA CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
ADA COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: 9/18/08

TIME: 9:30 am

SUBMITTED BY: Steve Albro

PRESENT: Steve Albro, George Zeller, Donna Prease, Eugene Thompson, Ronald Jackson, Marty Golub, Judy Sklerok, Jim Sutter. Hilda Perez and Tony Garafoli RTA Staff

Committee discussed the plight of transportation among seniors and persons with disabilities. Senior buses and local dial-a-ride services face cutbacks. RTA Community Circulators while not being eliminated will have increased headways.

Mr. Jackson stated that he studied the height and gap coach floor to platform on the Red Line. Measurements were found to be out of ADA compliance.

Discussed assistance of wheelchair users on bus and fixed route. For liability reasons operators are told not to assist people in wheelchairs other than deploying lift or ramp and installing tie-downs. It was observed that some operators do not appear to have the physical capacities to manually deploy the ramp on buses.

The contract for paratransit services with MV Transportation was extended to November 2008. The new contractor, Provide-a-Ride and their subcontractor will be gearing up their capacity during the transition.

Mr. Garafoli arrived at 10AM to go over the ADA Questionnaire. The purpose of the questionnaire is to acquire information regarding ADA compliance and to help insure compliance. The committee made changes in some of the items in the document. The sampling procedure is yet to be determined.

A revised questionnaire based on ADA Committee input will be distributed to CAB and members of the ADA committee will complete the questionnaire as a preliminary to the actual distribution.

The issue of the platform height and gap was presented to Mr. Garafoli. He said that the FTA recently audited height and gap. Mr. Garafoli asked Mr. Jackson to make his data available for comparison.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:00am.