

GCRTA CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
ADA COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: 7/16/09

TIME: 9:30am

SUBMITTED BY: Steve Albro

PRESENT: Marty Golub, Ron Jackson, Judy Sklerek, Frank Anderson, Steve Albro, Chair.

RTA Staff Present: Jerry Masek, Hilda Perez.

Jerry Mazek was asked about the status of Moving Minds, the RTA newsletter that targets riders with disabilities. Jerry responded that the newsletter is still active but due to funding constraints it has not been published recently. Priority has had to be given to media releases and literature that is aimed to the general ridership. The committee responded that committee members would be happy to provide information including copy for a Moving People edition. Continuing information on RTA services to the disability community is sorely needed. We would like to see an edition published before the end of 2009.

Ron Jackson gave an update on the heavy rail platform height and gap issue. The Airport RTS appears to be the worst case among ADA renovated stations. There is also a problem at W.65th RTS, one of the most recently completed stops. The ADA Committee recommends to the CAB to request the RTA Management and Board of Trustees consider the following:

1. A compliance audit of all ADA renovated Red Line Platforms. The audit would be done by RTA Rail and the ADA Committee.
2. Design an effective bridgeplate as an as needed solution when the a platform is not in compliance and a wheelchair user is getting on or off the coach.
3. A reconstructed portion of platform that is in compliance be positioned so that the door of a coach would always dock with it.

Finally, the committee discussed the continuing need for bus and rail operators to be trained in the use of wheelchair tie downs and making them available to every wheelchair rider.

Next meeting is August 12, 2009 at 9:30am. The topic will be an update on fixed route Travel Training for Paratransit riders.