

Citizens Advisory Board
Thursday, April 8, 2010

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda and March 2010 Minutes
- IV. General Manager's Report – Joe Calabrese, CEO
 - Service changes went into effect Sunday, April 4, and have gone better than anticipated. The changes balanced the budget for this year and will allow RTA to be more sustainable in the future.
 - Management continues to work with the union, and the hope was to come to a resolution before the service changes; a fact finder's recommendations came a few weeks ago, but the union voted down the recommended changes
 - A presentation was given to the board on the number of buses, and staff made the recommendation to close the Harvard garage and operate out of two bus districts instead of three. The change would take place in September and save \$4 million. As of April 4, Harvard garage is closed on weekends, saving \$160,000. A meeting with Newburgh Height leaders is scheduled to discuss the situation.
 - The board also heard an update on the fuel hedging program, which is going well. All fuel has been purchased for 2010 and 2011.
 - Progress is being made on the Puritas, Stephanie Tubbs Jones and E. 55th stations.
 - Bidding on the last stimulus project, the Woodhill station, is happening this month.
 - Last CMAC grant has come in and is being used to purchase new Park and Ride coaches
 - St. Patrick's Day was one of the biggest ever for RTA.
 - Lakewood Shopper Service started; 15 pick-up points; 50% paid for by the cities of Lakewood and Cleveland, and 50% paid for by RTA; in the first two days of service, 9 and 10 riders were picked up in 6 hours
 - Kamm's Corners/Puritas Shopper Service will start in May
 - Meeting was held April 7 in Lakewood regarding the Clifton project
 - The Plain Dealer has been doing extensive research on RTA drivers' records and safety; an in-depth story is expected
 - RTA reached an agreement with the Cleveland Police Department and the city of Cleveland that expands the authority of the transit police to include sidewalks
 - RTA is gearing up for the Indians home opener
 - APTA conference is in one month
 - Report on meeting of the Secretary of Transportation's ITS committee, which advises USDOT on safer, more efficient systems
 - Question about difficulties in connecting caused by the service changes; RTA will be looking into schedules to alleviate problems

- Questions about communications in buses and trains; avoiding over-communication; adjusting stop announcements after service changes
 - No update and no progress on the ticket vending machines
 - Question about crowded buses, buses passing people up, and what drivers should do if a bus is full and a person in a wheelchair is waiting to board (in that situation, drivers should call for a supervisory van with a lift to come pick up the rider)
- V. New Business – CAB Officer Elections and Bylaws Discussion
- According to the CAB bylaws, officers (chair, vice chair, secretary) are elected each April; this year it is proposed that elections will take place in May with nominations remaining open until the May meeting and nominations and voting extended to absent CAB members; this arrangement is approved by the board
 - Martin Golob nominated for vice chair; Brad Chase nominated for chair; and Molly O’Hare nominated for secretary
 - Bylaws are open for revision each June, and the board is invited to evaluate the bylaws for possible changes
- VI. CAB Chair Report – Brad Chase, CAB Chairman
- Ron Jackson is the new ADA Committee chairman
 - Suggestion that CAB should recommend to the RTA board to recognize Steve Albro for his service
- VII. ADA Committee
- Update on bridge plates – clarification is made that the bridge plates are a short-term solution until the stations are redone
- VIII. TIAC Committee
- Past meeting had Joe Schaefer, director of engineering and operations, to talk about three station projects – Puritas, E. 55th and Stephanie Tubbs Jones; representatives from the Slavic Village CDC attended the meeting along with some graduate students from Cleveland State
 - Discussion about the layout of the E. 55th station, especially the crosswalk and where the safest/most convenient place is for pedestrians to cross is; other options discussed were how the Opportunity Corridor would affect the station (plans still TBD) and whether medians could be used as a mechanism to improve traffic flow
 - Attracting cyclists and bike parking at the station was also a topic, and having bike parking inside the station is a possibility
 - Joe Fralik set to come to the next meeting to talk about scheduling and ticketing
 - New site for the committee is rtatiac.wordpress.com
 - Question about bike parking at the RTA building
- IX. Public Comments
- X. Adjourn

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Attendance Sheet

Member	Jan 10	Feb 10	Mar 10	Apr 10	May 10	Jun 10	Jul 10	Aug 10	Sep 10	Oct 10	Nov 10	Dec 10
Steve Albro	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Frank Anderson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Johnny Brewington	✓	✓	✓	EX	✓							
Rose Carter	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Brad Chase	✓	✓	EX	✓	✓							
Aldo Filippelli	✓	✓	✓	EX	EX							
Marie Fratus	✓	EX	✓	EX	✓							
Martin Golob	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Ron Jackson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
John McGovern	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Molly O'Hare	✓	✓	EX	✓	✓							
Donna Prease	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Vince Reddy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Eugene Thompson	✓	EX	✓	✓	✓							
Mary Vadas Reese	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Laura Rodriguez	EX	✓	?	?	?							
Shari Weir	?	?	✓	✓	EX	EX						
Andre White	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Tony Zajac	✓	✓	EX	✓	EX							
George Zeller	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							