

Citizens Advisory Board
May 13, 2010

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda and April 2010 Minutes

- IV. General Manager's Report – Joe Calabrese
 - Recognize Marie Fratus for her years of service to CAB.
 - Ridership is down 6% last month; ridership is up 8% on the Healthline, up 1% on the rapid and down 10% on the bus
 - all losses occurred in April and May of last year and since then numbers have been up
 - Sales tax YTD is up 1.4% compared with the budget increase of 1.2%
 - The Shopper Service in West Park starts next week.
 - The APTA conference was very successful; more than 1,000 attended and shared good comments about the event; brought \$2 million into the region's economy; 53 bus drivers and 23 maintenance teams competed and 50 RTA employees participated
 - RTA won the Gold Safety Award in the big bus division
 - Negotiations continue with the FOP and ATU
 - April 4 service changes brought 130 layoffs, a decreased number because of the number of employees due to retire in the first quarter
 - Closing Hayden would save \$1 million per year; closing Triskett would save \$3 million per year; and closing Harvard would save \$5 million per year
 - Jesse Jackson will be in town on May 22nd advocating for more money for transit, and RTA will participate in the event.
 - The coalition push continues and the Ohio Contractors Association is now on board
 - Safe Place program kicked off
 - Friday, May 15 is Bike to Work Day; all cyclists ride for free on RTA
 - Meetings with ODOT on 3C rail and stations (Tower City) as part of phase 2
 - Committee on Economic Inclusion named RTA a Best in Class winner in Senior Manager Diversity
 - RTA is participating in discussions on county reform to make sure any development is transit friendly
 - John McGovern brings up the shelters in the Detroit/W. 65th neighborhood and how they are not functional and don't serve riders needs

- V. New Business – Update on RTA Security from John P. Joyce, Transit Police Chief
 - New initiatives include working with TSA, RTA's partner of the year, on the Visible Intermodal Prevention and Response team

- Thanks to the Transit Security Grant Program, the Transit Police Department is participating in a national canine program; in addition to four canine teams already in place, three more dogs have joined the force, and TSA pays \$40,000 per year per dog to support care and training.
- The canine units have been called to support the Secret Service when leaders come to town.
- Transit Police hosted a police dog training event that brought 30 national and international canine teams to Cleveland.
- Calls for service from Transit Police have increased in 2010 mainly because of new proof of payment process.
- Arrests are also up in 2010, thanks to fare enforcement uncovering outstanding warrants.
- An increase in robberies is attributed to the increase in electronic devices that riders carry.
- Thefts and larcenies are down; this downturn is attributed to arrests made of a crime ring that was taking out car stereos and catalytic converters in cars parked at RTA lots. Auto thefts are also down.
- Misdemeanor arrests are way up in 2010 because of new fare evasion citations.
- Healthline accidents are down 58% in 2010.
- To explain distribution of officers, more officers are stationed at Tower City because that's the headquarters for the Transit Police and because additional officers are required there to deal with groups of juveniles that frequent the area.

VI. CAB Chair Report - Brad Chase

- Reminder about the awards banquet on June 10
- No applications received for the F. Robert Wiesenberger Community Volunteer Award
- CAB elections: Brad Chase, chairman; Martin Golob, vice chairman; Molly O'Hare, secretary

VII. ADA Committee Report – Ron Jackson

- Committee has been working on its mission statement
- Working with RTA to discuss training of operators on accommodating riders with disabilities

VIII. Transit Improvement Advisory Committee Report – John McGovern

- Topic at last meeting was the ticket vending machines
- Next week will discuss upcoming capital projects

IX. Public Comments

- Informing homeowners on Healthline about maintaining their property

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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							