

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

10:15 a.m.

Quincy Street Station via Zoom

Committee Members present: Deborah Dawkins, Maria Ruiz, and Shelby Fry.

Committee Members absent: Nancy Johnson, Dennis Tenpenny, Libby Adams, Mark Webb, Anthony Fadale, Brian Snodderly, Mary Thomas, Mike Nolting, and Linda Kehres.

TMTA Staff present: Al Bradley and Elizabeth Manson.

The meeting was called to order by Al Bradley at 10:18 a.m. There were no guests present or public comment offered.

There were no corrections to the prior minutes.

Mr. Bradley stated Topeka Metro is continuously monitoring the pandemic situation and is updating safety practices as necessary for our passengers and employees as situations change. Everyone's safety is our number one goal throughout this pandemic situation. We are continuing face covering requirements for passengers and employees while on Topeka Metro property. Passengers must wear a face covering at all times on the bus. At Quincy Street Station (QSS) and at bus stops they must wear a mask when a minimum 6 feet distance from others cannot be maintained. Bus operators do not have to wear a mask when enclosed in their safety barrier. We have extended the fixed route rear boarding and free fares for both the fixed route and paratransit through September 30th. We have continued to staff QSS with "Ambassadors" to sanitize surfaces inside the buses in between their runs, inside and outside of the bus station, the bus benches and the bus shelters.

Elizabeth Manson presented the July 2020 ridership report. Fixed route ridership was down 37.89% compared to last year. Lift ridership was down by 43.2% over last year. The Board voted to extend the Mission Shuttle, rear boarding, and free fares (except for the premium lift fare) through the end of September. They will re-evaluate at their next monthly Board meeting.

Mr. Bradley discussed various upcoming events at Topeka Metro:

- Board Committee Meeting 9/11
- Board Meeting 9/21
- Daylight Savings Time Ends 11/1

Upcoming meetings for 2020 are scheduled as follows at **10:15 a.m. at QSS or via zoom:**

- **Wednesday, November 11th**

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Manson
Topeka Metro Operations Assistant