

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

**Wednesday, November 11, 2020**

**10:15 a.m.**

**Quincy Street Station via Zoom**

Committee Members present: Maria Ruiz, Shelby Fry, Dennis Tenpenny.

Committee Members absent: Nancy Johnson, Deborah Dawkins, 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 Covid-19 remains are number one concern. The Board voted to extend the fixed route rear boarding and free fares for both the fixed route and paratransit through November 30<sup>th</sup>. They will re-evaluate at their next monthly Board meeting. We have continued to staff Quincy Street Station (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. 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 QSS and at bus stops when a minimum 6 feet distance from others cannot be maintained.

Mr. Bradley reminded the agency members to contact our office by using the emergency email (emergencyclosings@topekametro.org) or call directly 785-783-7000 option #2, as soon as possible if their agency is going to be closed or delayed due to inclement weather. Mr. Bradley asked the agency members to remind their clients to have sidewalks and ramps clear of snow and ice prior to the bus arriving to help keep everyone safe.

Mr. Bradley announced that as of October 31<sup>st</sup>, Capital City Taxi no longer offers after hours accessible taxi service. In addition, the SOTO and NETO Ride-to-Work programs provided by Capital City Taxi will be ending December 31, 2020. CCT made this decision largely based on low ridership count.

Elizabeth Manson presented the September 2020 ridership report. Fixed route ridership was down 32.1% compared to last year. Lift ridership was down by 28.1% over last year. The Board voted to extend rear boarding, and free fares (except for the premium lift fare) through the end of September. However, beginning September 5<sup>th</sup>, the Mission Shuttle will only be offered Monday through Friday. They will re-evaluate at their next monthly Board meeting.

Mr. Bradley discussed various upcoming events at Topeka Metro:

- Board Meeting 11/16
- Thanksgiving Day 11/26 – All Topeka Metro facilities closed
- Thanksgiving Friday 11/27 – Limited Holiday Service
- Christmas Day 12/25 - All Topeka Metro facilities closed
- New Year’s Day 1/1 - All Topeka Metro facilities closed

Upcoming meetings for 2021 are scheduled as follows at **10:15 a.m. at QSS or via zoom:**

- **Wednesday, January 13th**
- **Wednesday, March 10th**
- **Wednesday, May 12th**
- **Wednesday, July 14th**
- **Wednesday, September 8th**
- **Wednesday, November 10th**

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Manson  
Topeka Metro Operations Assistant