

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

10:15 a.m.

Quincy Street Station

Committee Members present: Nancy Johnson, Dennis Tenpenny, Shelby Fry, Maria Ruiz, Brian Snodderly, Mike Nolting, Anthony Fadale, and Mark Webb.

Committee Members absent: Deborah Dawkins, Mary Thomas, Libby Adams, and Linda Kehres.

TMTA Staff present: Al Bradley, Elizabeth Manson and Mike Spadafore.

The meeting was called to order by Nancy Johnson at 10:17 a.m. Guests Shyla Mason with Community Resource Council and Taylor Moore with Topeka Independent Living Resource Center were present. There were no other guests present or public comment offered.

There were no corrections to the prior minutes.

Mr. Bradley asked the agency members to remind their facility staff to be mindful of the weather conditions in respect to Topeka Metro lift service coming to pick up their clients. Mr. Bradley asked for their help in making sure sidewalks and ramps are cleared of snow and ice to help keep everyone safe. Elizabeth Manson asked the agency members if they would request that their facility staff let Topeka Metro know if they plan on closing their facility early due to inclement weather. Shelby Fry suggested Topeka Metro provide a specific email for that purpose considering that decision is usually made during off hours.

Mr. Bradley asked the agency members to remind their facility staff if they cancel a pick-up for a client to remember that return trips will remain scheduled unless they are canceled as well.

Mr. Bradley reminded the committee that Topeka Metro has emergency cell phones that Quincy Street Station (QSS) and the administrative office can use in case of a power outage or the phone lines go out and QSS has an inside/outside audio system that can announce inclement weather situations/instructions. In the event that it is necessary for Topeka Metro to stop service, information would be posted on our website and on social media.

Mr. Bradley updated the committee on the upcoming service changes effective December 1, 2019. The only fare increase the Board voted in favor of was the 31-day reduced fare pass. It currently sells for \$25.00 and will be increasing to \$35.00. The Board voted to eliminate certain peak service trips and the last hour of all weekday fixed route and Lift service. A copy of the runs to be eliminated was distributed to the committee members. Dennis Tenpenny thanked Topeka Metro for not raising the agency bulk pass pricing as it would have had a negative impact on what the agencies would be able to purchase. Anthony Fadale agreed.

Mr. Bradley presented the September 2019 ridership report. Fixed route ridership was up 4.7% compared to last year. Lift ridership increased by 8.4% over last year.

Mr. Bradley discussed various upcoming events at Topeka Metro:

- Veteran's Ride Free – Month of November – *fixed route only*
- Thanksgiving Day 11/28 – All Topeka Metro facilities closed
- Thanksgiving Friday 11/29 – 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 2020 are scheduled as follows at **10:15 a.m. at QSS:**

- **Wednesday, January 8th**
- **Wednesday, March 11th**
- **Wednesday, May 13th**
- **Wednesday, July 8th**
- **Wednesday, September 9th**
- **Wednesday, November 11th**

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Manson
Topeka Metro Operations Assistant