

Citizens Advisory Committee of the Regional Transit Authority

Mon, February 12 6:00 PM (EDT)

In Person Hosted at SEMCOG's Offices at
 1001 Woodward Ave #1400 (14th Floor)
 Detroit, MI 48226 (Campus Martius)

You may also join the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82203539341>

You may also join by phone: (646) 931-3860

Meeting ID: 822 0353 9341

MEETING AGENDA

<p>CAC Members: Lauren Baker Michael Bedard Tony Cafaro Rukiya Colvin Robert Cramer Eric Dryer Robert Gordon Gerald Hasspacher Steven Hawring Andrea Henry Matt Homrich-Knieling Tim Hull Sarosh Irani Christian Jacobsen Jarod Malestein Mitchell Mantey</p>	<p>Edward McCauley Erin McCurry Reginald McLemore Aleksandra Miziolek Megan Owens Daniel Parnell McCarter Robert Pawlowski Susan Rowe Corey Rowe Greg Rybarczyk Andrew Sarpolis Taria Sims Laura Trudeau LeRoy Taylor John Waterman Stephen Weatherholt Thomas Yazbeck</p>	<p>RTA Participants: Ben Stupka, RTA Executive Dir Erica Robertson, RTA Board Liaison Ned Staebler, RTA Board Liaison Shauna Morris, RTA Liaison Corri Wofford, RTA External Affairs Director Julia Roberts, RTA Planning & Innovation Director Khalil Davis, RTA Projects & Grants Associate Kameron Bloye Isaac Constans, RTA Communications</p> <p>Interested Parties: Brother Cunningham Madison Prinzing Katelynn Britton Keon Williams Renard Monczunski Lucas Lesicki</p>
--	--	---

Meeting Objectives:	Agenda Item	Leading
1	<p>Call to Order – 3 min John Called Robert Seconded Unanimous</p>	John

2	Quorum (14/30) – 2 min	John
3	Approval of the Agenda <i>Robert Introduced</i> <i>Michael Seconded</i> <i>Unanimous covered</i>	John
4	Approval of December 11 Meeting Minutes <i>– 3 min</i> Robert Introduced Tria Seconed Unanimous	Michael

--	--	--

Public Comment – As needed

Brother Cunningham: This week DDOT is passing – on Facebook Detroit Department of Transportation. This Thursday there is a presentation for DDOT Reimagined. Time and link is available, and this will be an opportunity to see the future of DDOT's proposal. Anyone who can attend from upper echelon to bottom of the barrel – everyone please come. Local Advisory Committee meeting is coming – this will be an excellent meeting with additional transit detail.

Brought an additional attendee who has experienced challenges with bus service and wanted to share his insights.

Keon Williams – appreciative for Brother Cunningham for him helping him with Bus Tickets and Gloves/Hand Warmers during the winter season. There have been levels of uncomfortability with different passengers on the bus and he has been appreciative of brother cunningham's assistance. He rides the woodward and 7 mile bus. Morning and afternoon use of the bus. Worst service levels tend to be at night time. Has experienced where there's almost an additional hour in order to arrive.

Robert Pawlowski – Brief acknowledgement for some attendees – Lucas Lesicki, Keon Williams, Andrea Henry, Brother Cunningham, Madison Prinzing. These experiences are important to recognize and be shared because they provide examples for how the RTA and the transit providers in the area can assist.

Lucas Lasicki – Currently an intern with TRU and an advocate in the area for a few years. Wanted to introduce and thanks to Robert for invitation and glad to be a part of our meeting this evening.

Renard Monczunski – Community organizer for over 8 years and a long term bus rider in Detroit where this is his primary mode of transited. Excited for the upcoming new enhanced services including forward to additional connectivity throughout the organization. Excited to see greater coordination between SMART/DDOT/PARA/Q LINE/ETC. Would like to gain greater visibility into the Q's operations in future state under the RTA

Keon Williams – Additional prior experience where he had observed a differently abled individual where the bus had arrived and had left without acknowledgement or performing a full stop. He was unsure of where to report these types of occurrences. He really wants to see transit improve.

Per John the ability to make those observations and to report them has to improve and to allow for those reports in the future state.

Steven Hawring: In recent City Council there has been conversation about replacing transit police with the Detroit City police department. Would like to understand more.

This has been already implemented on the Q Line and is tentatively

RTA Update

– 15 min

Julia, planning & development direct: 5 Agencies, MoGo, 80+ Community Service orgs/30+ Non Profits/myride2 mobility

Map displaying coverage via SMART/DDOT/AATA and the community transit areas that receive demand response/para services.

Priority Goals – with 100s of responses specific event & solicited responses highlight desire across the community. More depth in coordinated human services planning later this year.

New Places Desired/Frequency

Secondary for technology/etc.

As funding becomes available more of these services & programs become available. People seem to recognize there is a need for the financing capability.

Key themes – focus on safety/accessibility and improvements to bus stops.

Mobility Wallet Pilot to continue development along with improving mobility as a service throughout the organization. This is still a priority to the community.

Goal Setting – Funding: Improve & Expand | Innovate & Sustain

Highlights are that these enhancements are continuing. D2A2 is an excellent example and that bridges into Airport Service in the future for example.

One difference is to outline the funding goal. This allows for services but in and of itself it is not a service goal. Some of the efforts have been to outline enhancements by differences in funding mechanisms/frequency going fwd.

Will be keeping an eye on funding capabilities as legislative/other opportunities arise. Narrowed 23 strategies to top 10 RTA priorities.

Each align to the service goals with specific objectives addressing different needs throughout the region. Board/Staff & others to provide. HNTP/WSP consultants as part of this exercise. Will be available tomorrow recapping path fwd.

313-402-1020 to reach and provide additional feedback

Document is living and evolving on an annual basis.

Cross Committee Updates

Megan – TRU: Great to see attendance at the state of transit event and video is available at the TRU site. Lot of excellent information shared. Wanted to share that TRU sees top priority and the greatest potential for good is the state budget as it stands.

There are 36 legislators as part of a “transit caucus” who are really dedicated to fight for more and better transit funding.

Budget proposal submitted by Governor Whitmer was significantly less than prior year’s budget which was ~\$40mm less and this shows a distinct direction in the wrong direction.

The next steps are for the legislator to work thru the reconciliation process between house & senate and there is still opportunity to move forward in 2024. Goal is to meet with 50 legislators over the next 3 months on topic of transit.

Bus Operating Funds & Transit Capital is very critical to achieve the goals that TRU has and the budget is the largest potential impact.

John – For those moving into those spaces – More Buses, More Places, More Often. Highlighted Keon Williams’ example especially as this highlights the need.

Megan – We want the state to invest more into Public Transit

Michael – WOTA expanding out pilot for expanded eligibility for service. Next meeting tomorrow AM.

Robert – SMART Advisory on 1/26. Working with the council is the advisory member and works with additional folks on the board. One of the topics touched on SMART upcoming service updates.

Large conversation w/r/t ADA requirements and needs. SMART stops tend to be fairly hostile to disabilities with brush/lack of actual infra etc.

Checking in south of the border(toledo/lucas cty) within the next 7-10 days and will keep the CAC posted.

Improvements to comp but more work to be done on this topic.

2023/24 micromobility budget/funding along with overall finance/ budget discussions.

SMART Sounding Board – 2/14/24 5 PM

AATA BoD – 2/22/24 6:30-9:00 At 76 Huron St Ypsi

DDOT – Public Hearings 2/15 5 PM-6:30 on DDOT Reimagined

DDOT – LAC 2/20 10:00 AM – Brother Cunningham can provide more detail.

8	<p>Membership Updates <i>Some new members to join us</i> Andrea Henry – Ann Arbor</p> <p>More to come as part of next CAC EC and Next Meetings</p>	Robert/John
9	<p>2024 Brainstorm/Topics/Ideas -5 Min</p> <p>Recruitment of Members Megan: Review of the Core Goals/Purpose of the CAC – Recommendations to the RTA Board – how to do that and how can we be useful with regards to the CAC</p> <p>May be useful to record/stream/disseminate information in new ways to cover on specific topics.</p> <p>These may encourage more engagement and attendance</p> <p>Corey – CAC Subcommittees – might make sense to bring up some more targeted discussions. Would give greater ability to get deep on topics.</p> <p>Robert – also would like to work thru members and new members</p> <p>Jason Morgan – Legislation – how we can improve and advocate and work with legislators.</p> <p>Fun/Friendly gathering...</p> <p>CAC Rules – We attempt to be as open as possible but we are not a decision/authoritarian body and not legally required to follow open meetings act.</p> <p>SMART BoD coming up as well later this month and will have additional detail.</p>	All
10	<p>Next Meeting: April 2024</p> <p>April 8, 2024</p>	John
11	<p>Meeting Adjournment Robert moves to adjourn</p>	All

Reference Materials	Link(s)	Notes
TRU: Tuesday Talk	Rural Transit	
SMART Board of Director's Meeting 10-26-23	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QhuJ1_shHTU	

TRU: Tuesday Talk	State Solutions to Transit Troubles	
Article on Detroit Police & DDOT Buses	https://www.cbsnews.com/detroit/news/detroit-police-department-security-of-department-transportation-buses-attacks-bus-drivers-rise-people-mover/	

	<i>Decisions/Action Items</i>	<i>Assigned</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			