**Citizens Advisory Committee of the Regional Transit Authority Mon, February 10, 2025 6:00 PM (EDT)   
  
In Person Hosted at SEMCOG’s Offices at   
1001 Woodward Ave #1400 (14th Floor)  
Detroit, MI 48226 (Campus Martius)**

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***MEETING AGENDA***

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| **CAC Members:**  Lauren Baker  Michael Bedard  Tony Cafaro  Rukiya Colvin  Eric Dryer  Robert Gordon  Gerald Hasspacher  Steven Hawring  Andrea Henry  Matt Homrich-Knieling  Tim Hull  Sarosh Irani  Christian Jacobsen  Jamie Junior  Mitchell Mantey | Edward McCauley  Erin McCurry  Reginald McLemore  Aleksandra Miziolek  Megan Owens  Daniel Parnell McCarter  Robert Pawlowski  Deniqua Robinson  Susan Rowe  Corey Rowe  Greg Rybarczyk  Taria Sims  Laura Trudeau  LeRoy Taylor  John Waterman  Stephen Weatherholt  Thomas Yazbeck | **RTA Participants:**  Ben Stupka, RTA Executive Dir  Erica Robertson, RTA Board Liaison  Ned Staebler, RTA Board 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  Robert Cramer, DDOT General Mgr   **Interested Parties:** Brother Cunningham  Madison Prinzing  Katelynn Britton  Keon Williams  Renard Moncunski Lucas Lesicki |

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| **Meeting Objectives:** |  |  |
|  | **Agenda Item** | **Leading** |
| **1** | **Call to Order** – 3 min  John at 6:03 | John |
| **2** | **Quorum** 5/29) – 2 min | John |
| **3** | **Approval of the Agenda -** *2 min Robert Intro Bedard Second* | John |
| **4** | **Approval of December 9 Meeting Minutes** *– 3 min  Robert Intro* Taria Second | Michael |
| **5** | **Public Comment – *As needed*** *- (Est 10 min)*  313-444-9104  Brother Cunningham: Trying to increase budget for DDOT but if  you google will provide links to communicate with state  legislators. Go the site, follow prompts and show support for  transit. If you want to do a ride along and chat with the people –  please communicate. Brother Cunningham has gone with all of  the above and will extend that invitation.  Need to see new voices getting involved!!!  Renard Manuncki – References Dept of Transportation head Sean  Duffey and specifically seems to be a backdoor violation of title 6 by  shifting funds to higher marriage/birth rate. Also concerned that this  could furter apply to highway funds. There is a threat to remove  clean street funding, clean energy funding, funding for differently abled  persons, and definitely wishes to prepare in case there are cuts for  federal funding. We are in a period where rule of law is at question at  all levels which may require funding adjustments to prepare for federal  shifts. Be vigiliant. | All |
| **6** | **DDOT Leadership Update -** (*5 Mins*)  **John –** Robert Cramer has moved into the roll has head of DDOT. He is a rider first transit provider and is dfedicated to the passengers and persons served in his community. Overall this has largely been stable and smoothf as a transition. Some changes but not widespread.  **3** | John |
| **7** | **RTA Update – (10 Mins)**  Corri – 5310/MFA closes for application today. 5310 specifically refers to areas of concern such as seniors, the disabled, and those in poverty. Next funding cycle in 2027.  ETA to notify awardees in April  Whitmer specifically referenced public transportation and made the specific ask for $250mm for investment in public transportation. Details are TBD but noting that there is an emphasis for this to occur in Lansing.   Robert Question – Do you have any word if Gov plans to have a budget increase?  Corri: Viewpoint is the above is a de facto budget increase that results in more funding above the 2024 level.  Robert: Definitely notice D2A2/DAX.   John: Are there grant updates that would apply to DAX/D2A2?   Corri: DAX is funded thru a federal carbon reduction grant. It is coming up on 1 month from its first year.   Anticipation is for the pilot to conclude in September with follow up and next steps to be determined at that time along with the board having say.   D2A2 is out of pilot and looking to continue funding and grow over time.   John/Taria: D2A2 as a group exercise to see how this works may be something to look at in the future. | RTA |
| **8** | **Board Elections -** (Est *10 Mins*) Discussion on rules and whether super majority or suspension of ruleset for future.   Robert made motion to suspend rule Tim supported the motion Overall view is there’s not a need to suspend. Mitch also concurs that the supermajority rule is applicable in this instance.   Vote: Unanimous Nay – no suspension of rule.  **Slat of Candidates would be:** John Waterman(Chairman), Robert Pawlowski (Vice Chairman), Michael Bedard (Secretary), D Parnell McCotter (Parliamentarian) **Bedard motioned to elect this board Robert seconded  Unanimously Approved** | John |
| **9** | **Date Change Potential –** Indigenous Person’s Day (5 Mins)  Robert proposed bypassing and holding for now Bedard seconded   Unanimously covered | Michael/Parnell |
| **10** | **Events Recap & Upcoming –** *5 Mins Robert – Thank you for continuing to allow me to do this. Has been working on oppos for engagement. Would like to continue to have tours: Lake Erie Transit in Monroe. Will continue to explore additional activities throughout our region. Commitment to increasing attendance!*  TRU will be having transit lobby day March 12 in Lansing, all are welcome. Transportation will be discussed. One of the focal points will be members who have new legislators.   Transit game night at Tech Town – great oppo to talk about transit and goals for next year. A good space to talk and play some games!   Lot of upcoming Board Events coming. 5310 funding, board business events. SMART advisory council meeting in March 21st.   Bedard – WOTA is Hiring!!! If you know of someone out in the western/northern areas WOTA/NOTA are seeing more driver need as their role increases throughout Oakland County.   Robert – With the current scope its all hands on deck to try to keep transit top of mind and working throughout the state of MI and improving funding to operate service throughout the region.   John - PEAK – Will be presenting to drivers to help improve comfort/accessibility and help drivers moving into the role to know how to be at their best.   Taria – This past weds and there were a lot of people. The experience was fun and the system was great. This was about 11 AM and it was very busy.   John – When traveling in a large group it does create some challenges w/r/t the narrowness when in center lane running enviro. More to come with DPM as well. DPM has high frequency and it helps with its frequency to expose others with varying levels of comfort. | Robert |
| **11** | **Next Meeting: Monday Apr 14, 2025 6 PM** | John |
| **12** | **Meeting Adjournment –** *2 Mins* **Taria introduced Robert Seconded** | All |

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| **Reference Materials** | **Link(s)** | **Notes** |
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