

# Citizens Advisory Committee of the Regional Transit Authority

Mon, April 14 , 2025 6:00 PM (EDT)

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

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## ***MEETING AGENDA***

### **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 ☐  
Jarod Malestein ☐  
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:**

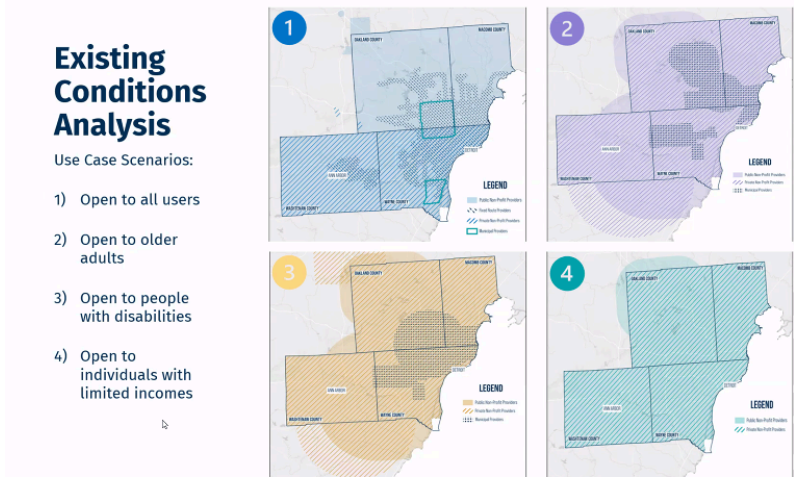
Brother Cunningham ☐  
Madison Prinzing ☐  
Katelynn Britton ☐  
Keon Williams ☐  
Renard Moncunski ☒  
Lucas Lesicki ☐  
Farai Gundan,  
Ellie McCarthy,

<b>Meeting Objectives :</b>		
	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Leading</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Call to Order</b> – 3 min John Primary Bedard Second	John
<b>2</b>	<b>Quorum</b> ( _/30) – 2 min Short of quorum need super majority	John
<b>3</b>	<b>Approval of the Agenda - 2 min</b> <i>Robert Motion</i> <i>Michael Second</i> <i>Unanimous</i>	John
<b>4</b>	<b>Approval of February 10 Meeting Minutes – 2 min</b> <i>Robert Motion</i> <i>Michael Second</i> <i>Unanimous</i>  <i>Robert: all meeting minutes are now available on the website as well</i>	Michael
<b>5</b>	<b>Public Comment – As needed - (Est 10 min)</b>  <b><i>None Entered</i></b>	All
<b>6</b>	<b>RTA CAC Events Planning - (10 Mins)</b> <b><i>For June!</i></b>  John wanted to open the forum up for ideation. Michael offered that June, July, August? We can do any of the above.  John mentioned that would like to hold event outside of our meeting schedule. Agree.  This doesn't need to be a voted on proposal but some potential events. D2A2 Detroit to Ann Arbor to Detroit with PEAK. Would there be interest? Its an hour to go back and forth.  Robert offered would like to see some options but also wants to ensure we work towards setup so that we can be respectful of time and continue to expand as we have the ability to do so. Obviously engagement in concert with the RTA with the public.	John

	<p>By holding in varied places we may find variation in terms of who can reliably attend.</p> <p>Robert to follow up with partners to see if we can do some outreach and meeting with partner committees outside of the RTA.</p> <p>More to come on this front.</p>	
7	<p><b>RTA Update – (Est 10 Mins)</b></p> <p><i>Julia: DAX/D2A2 Survey – Survey launched on 1 year anniversary and planned to continue thru at least the end of April. Outreach to those who have used the service to gain feedback.</i></p> <p><i>John: How is most use for DAX at this time?</i></p> <p><i>Julia: First survey should help to establish the use patterns and how users are using the service and what pattern of use is there. Visitors? Workers?</i></p> <p><i>Robert: What are the main types of responses received?</i></p> <p><i>Julia: Each time a survey is conducted those results are analyzed.</i></p> <p><i>Corri: These are posted and thru x, page, etc these are available. The demography tends to be about 50/50 btw Ann Arbor/Detroit. Millenial generation is a little more D2A2 with DAX skewing slightly Gen Z. Gender ratio fairly balanced.</i></p> <p><i>John: Continues to hear positive feedback w/r/t the service and the flexibility of pricing really has helped with organizational planning efforts.</i></p> <p><i>Robert: Are there any results that tie to the mobility wallet efforts?</i></p> <p><i>Corri: Not firmly available. Khalil to look into results and were geared towards satisfaction and general use pattern</i></p> <p><b>5310 Funding/Mobility 4 All</b></p> <p>Ellie McCarthy (M4A/AECOM Planner) Any project under 5310 must map back to CHSTP for the region. May hear interchangeable lingo but all tie back to the same program.</p> <div data-bbox="344 1312 1201 1732"> <h3>M4A Planning Process</h3> <pre> graph TD     subgraph TWG [Technical Working Group]         TWG1[7 meetings]         TWG2[Discussion of Gaps &amp; Needs]         TWG3[Workshopping Ideas]     end     subgraph TA [Technical Analysis]         TA1[Provider Survey/Data Collection]         TA2[Existing Conditions Analysis]         TA3[Regional Funding Overview]         TA4[Investigating User Patterns]     end     subgraph CE [Community Engagement]         CE1[Rider Questionnaire]         CE2[13 Fall Events]         CE3[8-9 Planned Spring Events]     end     subgraph MR [M4A Recommendations]         MR1[Developed from Technical Analysis &amp; Fall Engagement]         MR2[Refined by TWG]         MR3[Basis for Spring Engagement]     end     subgraph MP [M4A Plan]         MP1[Summary of Technical Analyses &amp; Engagement]         MP2[Final Recommendations]         MP3[Final Plan]     end     TWG --&gt; TA     TA --&gt; CE     CE --&gt; MR     MR --&gt; MP </pre> </div> <p>Technical working group to meet and to workshop ideas first. Analysis conducted by AECOM and looking at patterns of use, funding, etc. Rider questionnaire from Autumn 24'. In the next few months 9 events currently planned.</p>	RTA

A series of recommendations to be generated with a goal of establishing a finalized plan.

Service eligibility and use patterns for what is open to all users.



5310 is the highest source of funding as a whole with State/Local funding closely following. Fees typically around 20% with some degree of donation/sponsorship.

How people move thru the region to identify how much movement between counties. Most trips are inside of a county with limited cross county trips.



5 encompassing goals and organized by priority.

## Draft M4A Recommendations

- 2024 [Regional Transit Master Plan \(RTMP\)](#) includes a categorization of the region's top priorities into three focus areas:
  - Move People,**
  - Strengthen Access, and**
  - Enhance Experience.**
- Each recommendation will be tied back to an RTMP Regional Transit Priority
- Each recommendation will be assigned a funding need, to guide RTA and partners in implementing actionable activities that can be carried out with:
  - No New Funding (\$),**
  - One-time Funding (\$\$), or**
  - A New, Long-term Regional Funding Source (\$\$\$)**



Elnora – Spring Engagement:

## Spring Engagement Events

### SAVE THE DATE!

Want to weigh in on our region's transit goals for older adults, people with disabilities, and individuals with limited incomes? Join us in-person or online to hear information about the new draft Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan and share your thoughts!

In-person meetings will be held from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** with presentations at 5:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

**+ Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Maybelle Barnett Branch Library  
23345 Van Dyke Ave.  
Warren, MI 48099

**+ Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Berkley Public Library  
3155 Coolidge Hwy.  
Berkley, MI 48072

**+ Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**  
The Love Building  
4731 Grand River Ave.  
Detroit, MI 48208

**+ Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Washtenaw County Community College  
4800 E. Huron River Dr.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

**Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6:30 p.m.**  
Virtual Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9022mseaYt0gzw>

### Mobility 4 All Program

The Mobility 4 All (M4A) program is a regional initiative by the RTA that aims to ensure that everyone, regardless of ability or income, has access to safe, reliable, and affordable transportation services to get where they need to go in Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties.

Transit solutions for people with disabilities, older adults and individuals with limited incomes.

#### How M4A Helps Our Community

- People with Disabilities:** M4A fosters systemwide accessibility and facilities specialized transportation services tailored to meet the needs of people with disabilities.
- Older Adults:** M4A allows seniors to maintain independence and stay connected to their communities through accessible transit.
- Individuals with Limited Incomes:** M4A advances affordable transportation solutions that reduce financial barriers to mobility.

Scan the QR Code to learn more about M4A  
[rtanichigan.org/mobility4all](https://rtanichigan.org/mobility4all)

6 meetings currently on the schedule with virtual option and spread across the counties of the region.

Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> additional meeting Wayne County Community College – Downriver Campus in Taylor, MI from 10AM – 12 PM.

Would like to see as many interested residents as possible in attendance but virtual makes it a possibility for everyone.

John: Not just looking for advocates of transit looking to share with everyone.

Elnora: Absolutely and we want users of transit and non-users because these could be useful services but they either don't know or there's an opportunity to improve an area that makes transit more usable for them.

Meeting notices to go out. Can get hard copies as requested and will be emailing out as well with all available on one document.

Robert: Great presentation and high marks. Looks great! Question

	<p>w/r/t committees that are part of the plan. Was there any potential to have someone from the CAC to represent as part of the plan.</p> <p>Ellie: Not to my knowledge. Technical is majority providers providing voice and then for the CAC more focused on engagement efforts.</p> <p>Elnora: John Waterman is on the technical group and there is some crossover there.</p> <p>Robert: Would be willing to volunteer to engage.</p> <p><a href="http://rtamichigan.org/mobility4all/">rtamichigan.org/mobility4all/</a></p>	
8	<p><b>Wayne County Transit – (Est 5-10 Mins)</b></p> <p><i>John: Hearing lots but where it stands would allow Wayne County to be fully opted in – like Oakland County. Some uncertainty if there’s a future requirement for a millage vote.</i></p> <p><i>Corri: There is some work to be done to prepare this for a ballot. The legislative piece in Lansing is set but now there’s the path forward to prepare for a millage proposal in 2026. August primary is where we believe that will fit in.</i></p> <p><i>Robert: County has brought it up and has said there will be a ballot initiative in the future.</i></p> <p><i>John: Warren Evens has pushed this forward. Has been communication about what that means for Washtenaw county et al to become fully opted in. Ann Arbor and Ypsi vs Outlying communities.</i></p> <p><i>Robert: Active engagement to start trying to frame out services for outlying communities.</i></p> <p><i>John: What do we envision RTA involvement to be as this moves forward? Oakland was a somewhat interesting approach that seemingly added a more layered nuance.</i></p> <p><i>Corri: There will be more to come along those lines and it will be thru Wayne County and will have a specific committee.</i></p> <p><i>John: No idea what the millage will look like at this time.</i></p> <p><i>Corri: Not necessarily a millage but would be all opt in. No picking and choosing.</i></p> <p><i>Robert: Just wanted to add and it does have impacts into 2026 had spoken with legislative staff for downriver reps. 3 reps all GOP that will not be supporting transit issues going into 2026. There will be a signature drafted.</i></p> <p><i>Bedard: Can we craft a response.</i></p> <p><i>Robert: Its largely from their caucus. And although is non partisan it does make it difficult. It is somewhat surprising for an official response along those lines.</i></p> <p><i>John: Agree but have to be suited towards voter engagement</i></p> <p><i>Mitch: I agree as well.</i></p>	RTA/CAC
9	<p><b>Date Change Potential – Indigenous Person’s Day (5 Mins)</b></p> <p>Considerations: Day of week, Lions, Tigers, schedules are very fluid at the moment.</p> <p>John: Can we wait until August or should we make a determination at this time</p> <p>Michael: motion introduced to shift 10/13/2025 meeting 10/20/2025 meeting and to hold as a virtual meeting</p>	Michael/Parnell

	Robert: motion seconded Vote: Unanimous	
<b>10</b>	<b>Events Recap &amp; Upcoming – 10 Mins</b> <i>TRU – Legislative Day</i> <i>Robert shared TRU Meeting video highlighting initiative to communicate with our legislators to move transit funding up the agenda list. John said this was a great opportunity and helped illustrate rural area services as well</i>  <i>SMART/Recap (Katelyn/John)</i> <i>John: Not hearing as much community voice concerns and seems like there is significant positive momentum. Bus driver staffing is much improved and looking at mechanic hiring next. Always like hearing the improvement discussions.</i>  <i>DDOT/AATA/OCTransit</i> <i>Proposing \$50mm increase. Mayoral budget counters at \$20mm. Looking to expand the invest to improve the services throughout the city. Active consideration but should see moving towards completion. Double DDOT!</i>	Robert
<b>11</b>	<b>Next Meeting: Monday Jun 9, 2025 6 PM</b>	John
<b>12</b>	<b>Meeting Adjournment – 2 Mins</b> <b>John Motion</b> <b>Mitch Second</b>  <b>Vote: Unanimous</b>	All

Reference Materials	Link(s)	Notes
<b>WOTA Board 1-21-25 Minutes &amp; 3-18 Agenda</b>	<a href="https://www.ridewota.org/download/5379/1-21-2025-minutes.pdf">https://www.ridewota.org/download/5379/1-21-2025-minutes.pdf</a> <a href="https://www.ridewota.org/download/5378/3-18-2025-agenda.pdf">https://www.ridewota.org/download/5378/3-18-2025-agenda.pdf</a>	
<b>SMART Board 3-27-25 Meeting Recording</b>	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/live/djSQni3Lg0A?si=aZKrYNzgleLguUHc">https://www.youtube.com/live/djSQni3Lg0A?si=aZKrYNzgleLguUHc</a>	
<b>OC Transit 4-10-2025 Agenda &amp; Meetings Packet</b>	<a href="https://oaklandcomi.portal.civicclerk.com/event/1366/files/attachment/24941">https://oaklandcomi.portal.civicclerk.com/event/1366/files/attachment/24941</a>	

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