

# PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The CAT People with Disabilities Advisory Committee has been organized to facilitate communications between and collaboration with CAT management to improve transit services for persons with disabilities and/or persons with low incomes.

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

### Attendance

Roger Jones	Mike Begler	Carolyn O'Brien	Aimee Harwood
Cathy Long	Londa Peterson	Mark Edwards	Ginger Monsted
Liz Pabon	Verna P. Shaw	Jeff Iseman	Miguel Aciri-Rodriguez (CAT)
Cynthia Gibbs-Pratt			

### Meeting held @ 10:30am via ZOOM

December 2020 minutes were distributed via email prior to this meeting.

**Jeff Iseman** – SILC will be working with CILs on various issues, including transportation issues, for the next 3 years until Sept. 30, 2023. - MATP staff will be on the next Transportation Alliance call on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 130pm. They will answer questions brought up on previous calls. - Federal budget has approved money which impacts transportation programs through Sept. 30, 2020. - The Dept. of Justice announced a settlement with Amtrak to make all their stations ADA accessible. – The Federal Dept. of Transportation decided on a policy to allow service animals for air travel.

**Miguel Aciri-Rodriguez – Merger** - Possible merger of the Susquehanna Regional Transportation Authority (SRTA) between Rabbit and CAT.

- The merger would prevent a service reduction for CAT.
- The CAT 20/20 Redesign will continued.
- There would be one single fare for both agencies.
- Fixed route connection between York and Harrisburg.
- Longer call center hours.
- Grant opportunities would be increased.

The two agencies would continue to operate separately so a name change has not been considered. All County's commissioners and PennDot would need to approve the merger. Articles can be found in the York Daily Report and Pennlive. Hearings will be held for public comments January 28, 2021 at noon and February 4, 2021 at 7pm. For info on how to join the hearings and questions concerning the merger, contact [info@cattransit.com](mailto:info@cattransit.com).

**Ridership** is down about 50%. Good compared to other transit agencies. Recently, some fixed route service had to be canceled due to drivers testing positive for Covid or not working.

**Renovations** at the Transfer Center are complete. The West Shore ADA platform is larger and equipped with ramps. Aimee asked if the materials used for the ground surface were change; the original surface got extremely hot in the summer time and was harsh on service animals. The cement commonly used for sidewalks would be good. Miguel was unable to provide an answer. It is important that people from CAT who can answer our questions attend these meetings. Miguel mentioned that a new location for a transfer center has been considered and Aimee asked the CAT make a note of this issue for the future.

**PA Link to Aging and Disability Resources – Ginger Monsted** – The PA Link recently obtained some CARES moneys and they're looking to partner with agencies to do some outreach and marketing in a variety of categories.

## **New Business**

Mark - What is the maximum number of passengers riding each shared ride van?

Mark - How long/much time is a passenger on the van?

- Miguel said there is no actual number but CAT is distancing passengers as best they can. Due to the reduced number of passengers, on-time performance has improved.

Roger - Does CAT have guide lines on what to do if a passenger is on a van for an excessive amount of time? Such as dispatch another van.

- The Share-A-Ride brochure states: CAT's service is shared ride in nature. That means you will likely be riding with others, other individuals may be picked up and dropped off before you reach your destination. Your trip will take longer than if you were riding by yourself and passengers need to plan accordingly.

If a rider refuses to wear a mask, buses are instructed to remain idol. This has not been an issue.

Cat has not heard anything on when the drivers will be vaccinated.

Roger asked that committe members email him the names of any potentially new members.

Mike – Motion for Roger to continue as chair. Mark seconded. Motion carried. Carolyn remains secretary.

Roger recommends a review of the bylaws.

**Action Items:**

1. Miguel will email committee members info on merger hearings.

**Next meeting is Tuesday, February 2, 2021 @ 10:30 on Zoom.**

**Upcoming CAT/PWD Advisory Committee meeting dates:**

March 2, 2021

April 6, 2021

May 4, 2021

**Meeting Adjourn**