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LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2024 - VOCATIONAL
INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM (VIP) 5069 VAN SLYKE RD
FLINT, MI 48507 @ 10:00 A.M.

FACILITATOR: RENE SHERWOOD

CALL TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GUESTS:

APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES

OLD BUSINESS:

- **ADA Certification process**
- **Membership Vacancies**
- **The Safe Streets Grant & The Safety Action Plan**

NEW BUSINESS:

STATUS REPORT & SERVICE REPORT– Ed Burger from MTA Your Ride

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

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AUGUST 14TH, 2024 - MASS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA) 1401 S DORT HWY

FLINT, MI 48503

FACILITATOR: RENE SHERWOOD

CALL TO ORDER: Rene Sherwood called the meeting to order at 10:09 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rene Sherwood, Clara Blakely, Dru Hajec, Allison Gute, Sabrina Bouchard, Mattea Sutton (GCMPC), Pamela Reid, Georgia Kitchen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Shelly Bastilles, Breanna Turner, Tameka Duncan, Besh (TDN)

MEMBERS ABSENCE EXCUSED: Steven Low

STAFF PRESENT: Sheila Johnson, Traci Davis, Martina Burton, Misty Graves, Marie Stewart, Edward Burger, Ken Vavra, Greg Noe, Mackenzie Knight, David Savoie, Antrell Webster, Mattea Sutton, Michelle Loper

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Both the Senior Millage and MTA Millage passed earlier this month.

GUESTS:

Matt Lattavo and Reeya Dalpetti from Left Turn Right Turn- contractors for MTA that are completing the “Tri-County Connection Regional Partnership Study”

MINUTES:

Pamela motioned for the August minutes to be approved. Allison seconded the motion with those corrections. All in favor. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ADA Certification Process- No update - TDN is absent.
- Member Vacancies – There are 2 elderly and/or disabled member vacancies. LAC is encouraged to invite individuals to join LAC.
- The Safe Streets Grant & The Safety Action Plan - On August 21st the county took an FRp was approved. They plan to begin with the consultant in September. They also anticipate community input with the consultant to begin in September. GCMPC will share those community input sessions with LAC as they are presented. If anyone has any questions, please free to submit them to Dru Hajec and she will pass them along to Kris Garris.
- Electronic Accessibility – The Owl is here and set up at today's meeting. Thank you for making this meeting more accessible for others MTA.

NEW BUSINESS:

Left Turn Right Turn Presentation:

Matt Lattavo and Reeya Dalpetti from Left Turn Right Turn presented via zoom about their progress on the - Tri-County Connection Regional Partnership Study. The purpose of the study is to see how to combine services county to county. The goal is to have the completed report November 2024. The scope of the project is customer service, governance, procurement, and operations. Multiple steps of the project are being completed at the same time. Next in the study is public and community organization engagement, SATA and GLTA respective stakeholders, financial analysis, and the final report.

Members input on cross-county borders:

Georgia- Transferring location can be difficult to navigate.

Sabrina - Many clients need transportation to specialty doctors downstate in other counties.

Clara- Sometimes the transfer locations can feel unsafe and not accessible for many individuals. Senior Centers may be a good and comfortable place to have transfer locations. It may also be beneficial to restrict the out of county rides to particular times.

Pam- Many clients struggle with transfer locations. It would be most beneficial in a perfect world to have one starting point and one ending point.

Traci- It may be beneficial and efficient have one county provide the ride in and the other county to provide the ride out.

Nominations for Elections in September:

Sabrina motioned for the election “Board Election Ballot” to be approved. Pamela seconded the motion. Motioned was carried.

Ballot is as follows:

President: Pamela Reid

Vice President: Allison Gute

Secretary: Sabrina Bouchard

All three were voted on unanimously.

Pamela motioned to approve the nominations for election. Clara seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STATUS REPORT & SERVICE REPORT– Ed Burger from MTA Your Ride:

- Many new vehicles and three new trollies have been added to the fleet.
- June: Your Ride provided 26,333 rides were provided in June. 15,715 of those rides were ADA rides.
- July: Your Ride provided 26,073 rides were provided in June. 15,941 of those rides were ADA rides.
- Marcia inquired about there bus stop shelters are going. Ed clarified that many times they are vandilised and they have to be removed and replaced.
- Georgia inquired if drivers can look up addresses to verify a location. She booked a ride but mixed up the address numbers and did not get the ride for that reason. Georgia also asked if rides are less busy in the afternoon/night time. Ed stated they are but their are also less drivers available due to having less riders.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Pam: Thank you for trusting me to be the president of this board.

Allison: Senior Millage passed, thank you to everyone.

Ed: MTA Millage passed. Thank you everyone. Also thank you for those who step up and serve on this board.

Ken: Thank you for being so generous with your agenda so that our consultants could share their study.

David: Thank you, this was my first LAC meeting and I look forward to more.

Georgia: Thank you MTA for your services. They are very helpful to me and others.

Clara: Thank you officers and MTA for your services increase the quality of life.

Mattea: Thank you for allowing me to learn for you all.

Martina: Thank you for your hard work and for attending the GO PASS open house. We are doing great things.

Greg: Thank you for having me.

Marica: Thank you for everything. I am learning a lot.

Sheila: Thank you for all you do.

Rene - Thanked you for the robust meeting. If you have not been to the transit building downtown Flint, you should go. It is beautiful.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will take place on September 10th, 2024 at VIP on Van Slyke Road.