

Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Access Advisory Committee

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

5:30 PM

Virtual Presentation

CapMetro Employees: Penelope Ackling, Ken Cartwright, Louise Friedlander, Martin Kareithi, Julie Lampkin, Edna Parra, Sara Sanford, Randy Slaughter.

Supporting Staff: Yannis Banks, Rebecca Liggins, Alvin Livingstone, Deron Lozano, Nick Milum, Lisa Storer, Raul Vela, Christopher Westbrook.

Committee Members: Andrew Bernet, Glenda Born, Mike Gorse, Paul Hunt, John McNabb.

Guests: Alison Unger.

Meeting called to order at 5:34 PM

Welcome / Introductions / Call to Order

Chair Hunt

Approval of the December 2023 minutes – Glenda Born / 2nd John McNabb – passes unanimously.

Approval of the January 2024 minutes – Glenda Born / 2nd John McNabb – passes unanimously

Public Communications

Glenda Born asks that supervisors remind Access operators to check ride notes, and gives a compliment to an operator from a recent trip.

Alison Unger asks if CapMetro is working to provide paratransit services through third-party transportation providers such as Lyft or Uber and offers her experience and connections to the staff that have implemented a similar program at DART.

Sara Sanford and **Julie Lampkin** explain that they would be happy to connect, however there are many regulations that make a similar program difficult to implement.

Spare Progress Update

Sara Sanford, Interim Vice President of Demand Response and Innovative Mobility

Sara Sanford shares an update on Spare implementation, including ongoing improvements to the system, as well as an overview of the new Spare App for Access Customers.

Paul Hunt shares multiple experiences he's had while using the new Spare App and Spare website.

Guests, Committee Members, and CapMetro Staff discuss intricacies of the new Spare system and additional training for Access operators.

ATP Light Rail Update

Alvin Livingstone, Senior Vice President of Engineering and Construction at ATP

Deron Lozano, Director of Environment & Project Development at ATP

Lisa Storer, Program Manager for Sustainable Design at ATP

Yannis Banks, Public Involvement Manager at ATP

Lisa Storer, Alvin Livingstone, Deron Lozano, and Yannis Banks share updates regarding ATP's Light Rail project, including possible changes to stop locations and types and upcoming public engagement dates.

Yannis Banks and Committee Members discuss possible presentations to the National Federation of the Blind and the Austin Council of the Blind.

Paul Hunt asks what the next step is after ATP obtains a record of decision from the FTA, and **Deron Lozano** explains that they will continue advancing the design and engaging with the public.

Glenda Born asks if any portion of the light rail will be built on open land, and **Deron Lozano** explains that all parts of the Light Rail except for the Lady Bird Lake bridge will be constructed on existing right of way or existing property that is acquired.

South Base Demand Response Facility

Penelope Ackling, Community Engagement Coordinator

Penelope Ackling explains the potential future acquisition of property at 5315 Ben White Blvd. to be used for a new Demand Response facility in South Austin.

Glenda Born asks what targets CapMetro has for deadheaded vehicles in terms of location and timing. **Ken Cartwright** and **Sara Sanford** explain that they don't have targets for deadheaded vehicles, but that they analyze rates and locations of deadheads and factor that into facility placement.

Paul Hunt asks if this facility will replace the Thompson Lane facility, and **Ken Cartwright** confirms that the Thompson Lane facility will likely be repurposed after this new facility is built.

Accessible Wayfinding Technology

Martin Kareithi, Director of Systemwide Accessibility

Martin Kareithi provides an update on future Accessible Wayfinding Technology Pilots using technologies from NaviLens and AIRA.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM