

Access Advisory Committee
Wednesday, November 6, 2020
TEAMS
5:30 p.m. – 7:03 p.m.

Call to Order:

Chair Chris Prentice, Access Advisory Committee

Chairman Prentice called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Introductions:

Committee members present were Paul Hunt, Andrew Bernet, John McNabb, Chris Prentice, Audrea Diaz, Glenda Borne, and Mike Gorse, Otmar Foehner

Capital Metro staff and contractors present were: Martin Kareithi, Chris Westbrook, Jo Anne Ortiz, Ricardo Boulware, Chad Ballentine, Raul Vela, Donna Simmons, Julie Lampkin, Jacob Calhoun

Citizens' Communication

Members of the public

Otmar – What is the status of Pflugerville joining with the passing of Project Connect? Jacob – It is currently dependent on when City Council & CapMetro can come to an agreement. This first portion of PC that was approved yesterday is apart of the approved area of Austin. Otmar – Is there anything I can do to help? Chad – Contact your city council member in Pflugerville will be helpful. It is in their hands at this point. As soon as they agree to it, we are ready to get it going.

Project Connect Update

Jacob Calhoun, Transit Planner, Project Connect

Austin overwhelmingly supported Proposition A. High-fives to everyone who supported it and was involved. We have hit the ground running and working on advancing Metrorapid & Neighborhood Circulators. We are working on forming the Austin Transit Partnership. They will be in charged of implementing the program.

North Dessau Pickup Zone

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Chad – It's one of the three zones we were looking to do depending on Project Connect passing. I can give and update on the boundaries. It will be south of Wells Branch Parkway. Comes to the edge of Pflugerville on the north. On the south it goes to Yaeger lane on the east. The western edge, southwestern edge of it goes to Harris Branch. It encompasses both sides of Dessau from Parmer Ln up to edge of Pflugerville. It's a 4 square mile zone as it stands now. It also includes a connection to Techridge. The goal is to make sure we don't cannibalize any fixed route that is traveling in the area. We have 6 schools, Harris Branch senior Apartments & Harris Branch 55 and older apartments. I'll take any thoughts/tweaks you would like to see. Chris – North of Parmer lane how close does it get to I-35? Chad – Not very close. Chris – Do you go

south of Parmer? Chad – Just south of Parmer. Glenda – It doesn't reach her neighborhood of Pioneer Crossing West, off East Braker. Chad – I will let them know there is a desire to serve Pioneer Crossing. Glenda – It's currently dangerous for me to cross Dessau & East Braker. Chris – Does it service the HEB at Techridge? Chad – It doesn't go there. There are some smaller stores. I will let them know there is a desire to go to that HEB. The 392 was the border of this zone but it's something we could look at down the road at possible adjustments. Paul – We have 600 units where I live, if I use Pickup will it come to my designated unite or a specific area? Chad – It will in general pick you up from your door unless we can't get to your apartment. Paul – Are you going to drop off in Bay E with MetroAccess? Chad – Yes. We still have a few months & we will be doing development. We are several months out from this. We will start our development here soon. Think hard on what will be good for constituents as well. Paul – Would you be interested in doing a meeting to our community in the Clubhouse? Chad – Yes. Chris – I will reach out to the community manager and let her know. Chad – We are looking at a February, maybe March. We have to get them wrapped & fareboxes installed. This will be the first of the 3. The 2nd is Oak Hill & then Manchaca. Dessau has been a high priority area.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Report

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Audrea Diaz would like to serve on the committee. Chris asks that she gives reports from the meetings she attends. Glenda suggests that there is a backup. **GLENDA IS THE BACKUP.**

2021 Committee Workplan

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Would like a Project Connect update every month. Access – Do operators continue to get training? Martin – Yes. For December let's do a MetroAcces Metric Update. Paul – A session on how MetroAccess is tied to the fixed route & what it means.

Approval of November 2020 Minutes

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Glenda motions we table the review in December. Paul 2nd. Passes Unanimously.