

## Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority

### Access Advisory Committee

Wednesday, April 8, 2023

5:30 PM

### Virtual Presentation

**CapMetro Employees:** Peter Breton, Jacob Calhoun, Louise Friedlander, Martin Kareithi, Julie Lampkin, Ed Maldonado, Edna Parra, Sara Sanford, Patricia Vidaurri.

**Supporting Staff Attendees:** Matt Pool, Angela Saavedra, Kristi Avalos, Ken Nakata, Kristoffer Hansen, Paulo Faria, Lonny Stern, Deron Lozano, Dave Kubicek, Christopher Westbrook.

**Committee Members:** Estrella Barrerra, Andrew Bernet, Glenda Born, Audrea Diaz, Otmar Foehner, Mike Gorse, Paul Hunt, John McNabb.

**Guests:** CBS Austin.

*Meeting called to order at 5:32 PM*

### Welcome / Introductions / Call to Order

*Chair Hunt*

### Public Communications

**Glenda Born** outlines a recurring issue where MetroAccess drivers are dropping off customers streetside instead of curbside. **Julie Lampkin** gathers more information, and says she'll address specific instances as well as make it a topic for future safety training meetings.

The committee discusses policies surrounding MetroAccess vehicles reversing, and the possibilities of implementing technology to make reversing in MetroAccess vehicles safer.

**Paul Hunt** suggests that the topic be deferred to another meeting so it can be discussed in further depth.

**Paul Hunt** mentions a specific CCR regarding a driver being unable to speak English, as well as occasional time changes. **Sara Sanford** asks for the CCR number, and **Julie Lampkin** explains that with the implementation of the new demand response system (Spare), they will do their best to make sure that time changes do not occur without the customer's knowledge or approval.

### Self-Evaluation and ADA Compliance

*Martin Kareithi, Director of Systemwide Accessibility*

*Brian Shamburger, Kimley Horn's Project Manager*

**Matt Pool**, **Kristi Avalos**, and **Ken Nakata** overview the goals and objectives of the project, background on the Americans with Disabilities Act, the self-evaluation's scope and next steps, and the next steps for the whole project.

**Paul Hunt** asks if the self-evaluation will look at CapMetro data's accessibility, and **Martin Kareithi** and **Matt Pool** explain that they'll be checking the data's accuracy.

**Paul Hunt** mentions that the Pickup app should have a function to choose a bus stop by street name, so that riders can navigate easier. He also mentions that bay signs at Park & Rides should have braille on them.

**Glenda Born** asks what specific evaluations will be taken regarding MetroAccess. **Martin Kareithi** explains that evaluating vehicle accessibility, as well as CapMetro's policies and procedures, will cover large parts of MetroAccess, and they are working to include the new demand response app's accessibility in the self-evaluation's scope.

**Glenda Born** asks what the timeline of the project will be, and **Matt Pool** explains that the self-evaluation is planned to be completed in Summer of 2023, and the Transition Plan in Winter of 2023.

**Glenda Born** asks what follow up will be had once the self-evaluation is completed, and **Matt Pool** and **Martin Kareithi** explain that following up will be the job of CapMetro's Systemwide Accessibility department, with support from the ADA Liaison Committee.

### **Performance Dashboard Upgrades**

*Patricia Vidaurri, Director of Performance and Strategic Initiatives*

**Patricia Vidaurri** overviews the enterprise data analytics platform, which will implement greater accessibility and transparency of CapMetro's data and outlines the phases of implementation and timelines for each phase.

**Glenda Born** asks if there's a search function in the new dashboard to increase accessibility, and **Martin Kareithi** explains that, while there is no search function, the tables are accessible by screen readers.

**Mike Gorse** asks if you can export raw data, and **Patricia Vidaurri** says she's unsure, but says previous iterations were, and that she'll follow up.

### **Project Connect Update**

*Lonny Stern, ATP's Public Involvement Manager*

**Lonny Stern** overviews the phase 1 light rail options, the planning and financial considerations for those options, and the timeline of the larger light rail project.

ATP Staff and Committee Members discuss the phase 1 light rail options.

**Mike Gorse** asks how each plan ranks on FTA funding competitiveness. **Deron Lozano** explains that all 5 options meet the threshold for FTA funding, and while some options may have a slightly higher competitiveness in some categories over others, they are all able to competitive enough to acquire funding.

**Glenda Born** asks which option would have the most functionality during inclement weather, and **Dave Kubicek** explains that all options should function well, including during freezes.

**Andrew Bernet** asks if any of the options create additional park and rides, and which one would create the most park and rides, and **Lonny Stern** explains that the options that go out to Yellow Jacket will have a park and ride created at that location.

**Glenda Born** asks if North Lamar Transit Center is chosen as a maintenance facility, will the park and ride at that location be maintained, and **Lonny Stern** explains that more land may be acquired to fit the maintenance facility, and the park and ride may be moved to increase pedestrian access.

**Approval of the minutes** - Motion to approve by John McNabb / 2nd by Estrella Barrerra. Passes unanimously.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM**