

ELDERLY AND DISABLED

LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA

March 12th, 2025 @ Jewish Community Services

5080 W Bristol Rd, Flint, MI 48507 @ 10:00 am

FACILITATOR: Pamela Reid

CALL TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GUESTS:

APPROVAL of February 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

**LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

February 12th, 2024 @ Genesee County Building

1101 Beach St, Flint, MI 48502 @ 10:00 am

FACILITATOR: Pamela Reid

CALL TO ORDER: Pamela called the meeting to order at 10:01 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pamela Reid, Allison Gute, Steven Low, Clara Blakely, Sabrina Bouchard, Rene Sherwood, Stacey Hebekeuser

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tameka Duncan, Georgia Kitchen, Besh Milam, Dru Hajec

MEMBERS ABSENCE EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT: Ed Burger, Sheila Johnson, Ben Blazen, Michele Loper

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements

GUESTS: No guest present.

MINUTES:

Steven motioned for the January minutes to be approved with corrections. Rene seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ADA Certification Process- TDN is not present at this time. MTA and LAC Board are unaware of any issues with the application process or any applications at this time.
- Member Vacancies – There are 2 elderly and/or disabled member vacancies. Please send any interested persons to Allison, Pam, or Sabrina.
- The Safe Streets Grant & The Safety Action Plan – Ed gave an update based on a Safe Streets meeting held on February 6th. At the meeting, the 25 most dangerous intersections in Genesee County were identified. They are working to narrow that down to 10 intersections with a focus on pedestrian or bicycle accidents.
- Membership Application - The board was sent a copy of the membership application via email to review before the meeting. There were no changes suggested. Rene motioned to accept the draft as the membership application; Clara seconded, all in favor. The motion was carried.
- Purchasing Monthly Your Ride Pass - Michele Loper reported the monthly pass is now available to be purchased over the phone again. MTA identified that this caused barriers for some riders and changed it back to being able to purchase over the phone. Michele apologized for the communication on this change. MTA is exploring adding another option to buy monthly passes online.

NEW BUSINESS:

There is no new business.

STATUS REPORT & SERVICE REPORT– Ed Burger from MTA:

- January Ridership Report: Your Ride provided 25,260 rides; 15,560 of those rides were ADA-certified, and 3,538 of those rides utilized a lift. There is still an increase in no-shows and late cancellations (within 2 hours of the scheduled ride). No-shows and late cancellations average overall about 5%. This month late cancels were at 8.8%. This directly affects overall on-time percentages.
- MTA is currently being evaluated by the FTA. They look at how MTA is spending its funds on services. MTA's report is due on February 28th, 2025. In May, r FTA will conduct their onsite visit with MTA.
- MTA had a phone conference with New Flier MCI on February 11th, 2025. MTA has pushed to utilize alternative fuels. One of which has been hydrogen. During the meeting, New Flier MCI shared that the infrastructure is not present for hydrogen use. MTA will be looking at other alternative options for hydrogen.
- Ed has a call on February 13th to review federal funding and get an update on if anything will be changing. He shared that it is an unknown but is hopeful that it will not be as bad as anticipated.
- Starting February 17th, Line #4 will be changing the end of the line from the intersection of Clio and Carpenter to Eastbound Carpenter and Fleming.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Sabrina: FSA's annual fundraiser is May 23rd, 2025 at the Genesys Conference Center. Fliers were passed out at the meeting.

Pamela: Senior Power Day tickets will be available starting March 3rd at VAAA's office. Senior Power Day will take place on May 21st. VAAA's annual meeting will be held at the Genesys Conference Center on April 10th, 2025.

Allison: The Office of Senior Services has 7 FRPs going out for bid. Two are currently posted. The last 5 are anticipated to be posted by the end of the month. Please send anyone interested parties to Allison.

Rene: Thank you MTA so much for the wheelchair-accessible vehicle through the specialized transport program. VIP's marketplace has been moved to a pop-up shop open M-F at the old Baker College Building. VIP's Bowling fundraiser is on February 28th from 6-9 pm. Lane sponsorship is \$325, and individual tickets are also available for purchase.

Ed: Stay warm during the storms. Happy Valentine's Day and thank you for everyone's hard work.

ADJOURNMENT :

Pamela adjourned the meeting at 10:44 am.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will take place on March 12th, 2025 at Jewish Community Services; 5080 Bristol Rd Suite 3, Flint MI 48507