

SRTA PWD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Attendance

Roger Jones
Londa Peterson
Mark Edwards
Liz Pabon
Jeff Iseman
Verna P. Shaw
Cathy Long
Pam Aurer
Mike Begler
Sufyan Baig
Sherry Welsh

Rich Farr
Joan Myers-Goodman
George Gilmer
Bob Garrett

Bill Schoor
Civil Engineer
Stantec Inc.

Tamra Dann P.E.
Vice President
Huitt-Zollars Inc.

Mike Bougher
Contract Manager
Stantec Inc.

AJ Thackra
American Institute of
Architects, Project
Management Professional,
Principal - Transit / Federal
Stantec Inc.

Opening statements - Roger Jones

- **Carolyn O'Brien will be temporarily stepping out of her role as our Committee Secretary to concentrate on personal matters. Please respect her needs at this time and do not contact her .**

I will acting as Secretary until Carolyn returns late this year.

Statewide Independent Living Council - Jeff Iseman

- 10/15/24 @1:30PM on PA Act 91 of 2024 Bill Information - Senate Bill 1246; Regular Session 2023-2024 - PA General Assembly (state.pa.us) Beth is the point person here for PennDOT.
<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billInfo/billInfo.cfm?sYear=2023&sInd=0&body=S&type=B&bn=1246>
- PA House Transportation Committee meetings (past and upcoming, can view videos, some documents) on increasing funding (beyond 80.5 M that was included in FY24-25 state budget; Governor Shapiro had proposed just over 282M for this year and more than 1.42 B over 5 years. Written testimonies and videos can be submitted: [House Transportation Committee - PA House of Representatives \(state.pa.us\)](#)
 - Others in SRTA group and in the community should consider submitting a video and written testimony over the next 2 weeks-noting what programs they use, how it helps them, and asking for additional funding. Please test out your video to make sure it works first if you do that.

- PA Senate Transportation Committee meetings (past and upcoming, can view videos, some documents) on increasing funding (beyond 80.5 M that was included in FY24-25 state budget – Next one is to be scheduled on Tuesday 10/1/24 but details TBD.

[Senate Transportation Committee - PA State Senate](#)

- PA Labor & Industry Office of Vocational Rehabilitation – some of this group has heard about OVR scaling back on programs and possibly going to back an order of selection (VR Waiting List) due to limited federal funding for FFY 2025 (starts 10/1/24). Transportation programs which could be impacted in OVR: transit provider contracts for OVR customers, funding for driver simulations, travel training, vehicle modifications / funding and the Financial Needs Test (FNT) for students with disabilities. Discussed at recent OVR and PA Rehabilitation Council. [RCPA Urges Senators to Preserve OVR Employment Funding - RCPA \(paproviders.org\)](#)
- Harrisburg Area Transportation (HATS) -through Tri County Planning Commission- we need more consumers and disability organizations to attend. See here for more details (background, prior meeting minutes and upcoming sessions) [About HATS \(tcrpc-pa.org\)](#) and [HATS Meetings & Minutes \(tcrpc-pa.org\)](#).
- Federal Budget- Nothing has been agreed to yet by both US Senate and US House with President Biden. The deadline is September 30,2024 with new federal fiscal year (FFY) starting 10/1/24. [House Speaker Forced to Scrap Vote on Controversial Continuing Resolution as 9/30 Budget Deadline Nears – Take Action! | National Low Income Housing Coalition \(nlihc.org\)](#)

SRTA Business & Transportation Updates – Sherry Welsh

- Reminder of October 1st, 2024, paratransit fare increase.
 - Anyone who uses a reader contact Sherry with feedback regarding whether or not you have access to the fares table on the website. [paratransit-fare-adjustment/](#)
- The 1W (York area) will be increasing frequency on October 6th, 2024.
- Berwick micro transit service launching October 6th, 2024.

Harrisburg facility reconstruction – AJ Thackra, Stantec Inc. & Rich Farr

Mr. Thackra shared a PowerPoint and blueprints of the reconstruction of the Harrisburg facility. It can take up to approximately 4 years to complete. Keep in mind that it is a transfer center not a transit center and while it will have pedestrian access, it is designed for time point transfers. The idea is to be able to get off 1 bus and onto the next ASAP. The transfer center will have standard signs as well as a PA system for the visually impaired including ADA requirements information board on routes.

Performance Metrics

August 2024 Capital Region:

Fixed route ridership: 107,225. 1,432 more riders than in 8/2023.

- 50% on time, 26% late, 24% early.

Paratransit ridership: 6,026 total trips booked.

- No shows 703 total = 5,323 trips completed.
- 87% on time, 14% late.

Customer service feedback/complaints – 9 MATP.

Performance Metrics

August 2024 York/Adams:

Fixed route ridership: 126,859. 1,516 more riders than in 8/2023.

- 76% on time, 10% late, 14% early.

Paratransit ridership: 50,544 trips booked.

- 3,651 no-shows = 46,893 trips completed.
86% on time, 15% late

Dauphin, York & Adams Call Center – 40,806 total calls. 32,376 answered, 8,430 dropped. 79% answer rate.

Next meeting is Wednesday, October 16, 2024 @ 10:30 on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81212202628?pwd=cnF3N011NDNBOHY2S0J6NTIPbmZFdz09>

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Upcoming SRTA PWD Advisory Committee meetings:

November 20, 2024

December 18, 2024

Meeting Adjourn