

APPROVED

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
MERIDIAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC)
MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2018

PRESENT: Commissioners: Chair Hackbarth, Vice-Chair Potter, Hudson (6:20), Vagnozzi, Deschaine, Kolbasa and Beavers

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Captain Greg Frenger, Police Department
Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning and Development

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Hackbarth called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Vice-Chair Potter moved to approve the agenda as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Deschaine

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

3. Approval of Minutes

Chair Hackbarth read an email from Commissioner Hudson requesting the minutes be amended for item 7.A. the discussion on Redi-Ride to add the following wording to the end of the third paragraph:

“Commissioner Hudson stressed the need for a half fare for seniors and persons with disabilities. She also emphasized the need for a process for having a contract as she did not want residents to be in a subscription service with CATA and any binding agreement with the grants.”

Commissioner Deschaine moved to approve the amended minutes of February 8, 2018

Seconded by Commissioner Vagnozzi

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

4. Public Remarks

Leonard Provencher spoke in support of Item 7.B. Newton/Saginaw Pedestrian Bicycle Crossing

5. Communications

The Commission accepted the communications that had been received and placed on file.

6. Presentation/Discussion

A. Capital Area Transportation Authority, Brad Funkhouser, Chief Executive Officer

Chair Hackbarth welcomed Brad Funkhouser and Andrew Brieschke, Deputy Chief Executive Officer to the meeting, a copy of the presentation is on file.

- 32 fixed routes and 11 Unique Paratransit Services
- FY2017 Fixed Route Ridership: 9,740,032
- FY2017 Paratransit Ridership: 501,308
- Fixed Routes 1, 22, 23, 24 and 48
- Fixed Route 48 Williamston-Webberville was recently brought back into service on July 10, 2017
- Busiest bus stops:
 1. Meridian Mall
 2. Okemos Meijer
 3. Grand River, west of Mall entrance
 4. Grand River, past Northwind Drive
 5. Okemos Road, northbound at Kewanee Way
- Shopping Bus, Monday – Saturday \$2.00 roundtrip fare
- FYI2017 Redi-Ride Ridership: 19,239
- FYT2017 Redi-Rides by type of ridership:
 - 49% - Persons with disabilities
 - 25% - Youth
 - 12% - Seniors
 - 9% - Regular
 - 5% - Free
- Saturday Redi-Ride Ridership October 1, 2017 thru March 3, 2018: 663
 - 443 – Persons with disabilities
 - 141 – Seniors
 - 42 – Adult Redi-Rides
 - 26 – Free
 - 11 – Youth
- Booked trip may not have been taken
- Capacity denial was when no ride was available at the requested time
- 30 customers refused ride
- No-shows were 10.1%
- New paratransit provider
- Fixed route app can track your bus
- App to track Redi-Ride in process
- Upgrade shelters with new lighting and real time tracking of buses

7. Commission Discussion

A. Continue Redi-Ride discussion

Commissioner Deschaine mentioned the Township Board had discussed the Transportation Commission's recommendation on the expansion of hours at its meeting on March 6, 2018.

The Township Board had tabled action so they could continue the discussion on how to cover the increase in costs for the extended hours. The recommendation would be before the Board at its meeting on March 20, 2018.

B. Newton/Saginaw Pedestrian Bicycle Crossing Recommendation

Vice-Chair Potter stated he would like the Commission to recommend a non-motorized crossing at both Newton Road and Towner Road.

Chair Hackbarth indicated he thought the Commission needed more information from Director Perry on the Towner Road crossing and the Township's pathway system.

Vice-Chair Potter moved the Transportation Commission recommend the Township Board formally request Michigan Department of Transportation to include the pedestrian bicycle crossing at Newton Road.

Seconded by Commissioner Vagnozzi.

Several commissioners stated they would still be interested in the Towner Road crossing.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

C. Letter of Support Okemos Road Boardwalk

Chair Hackbarth asked Commissioners to email the Ingham County Board of Commissioners supporting the funding of the Okemos Road boardwalk.

8. Commission Comments

None

9. Next Meeting Dates

Commission's next meeting is May 17, 2018, Central Fire Station Community Room

Township Board's next meeting is March 20, 2018

10. Adjournment

Chair Hackbarth called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Commissioner Vagnozzi moved to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by Commissioner Deschaine

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.