

APPROVED

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
MERIDIAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC)
MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2019

PRESENT: Chair Hackbarth, Vice-Chair Vagnozzi, Commissioners Deschaine, Hudson and Lovell.

ABSENT: Commissioners Potter and Kolbasa.

STAFF: Ken Plaga, Chief of Police and Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning and Development.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Hackbarth called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Deschaine moved to approve the agenda.

Seconded by Vice-Chair Vagnozzi.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Deschaine moved to approve the minutes of August 22, 2019 as written.

Seconded by Vice-Chair Vagnozzi.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Remarks

Commissioner Deschaine updated the Commission on the Okemos Road bridge replacement. The Township Board had selected the "Preferred Alternative" with a single bridge crossing.

5. Communications

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

6. Approval of 2020 schedule

Chair Hackbarth moved to approve the resolution for the 2020 schedule with the following amendment to delete the meeting in February and June.

Seconded by Commissioner Lovell.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

2020 Meeting Schedule Resolution placed on file.

7. Presentation

A. Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA)

Chair Hackbarth welcomed Andrew Brieschke, Deputy CEO, CATA.

Mr. Brieschke provided the Commission with a packet of information on Redi-Ride service in the Township for August 27, 2018 to September 30, 2019. The information included passenger type, booking analysis, extended hours ridership and student ridership. (A copy of the information is on file.)

- Persons with disabilities make up the largest percentage of users.
- Total trips booked were 30,259.
- Increase in the number of buses to meet capacity.
- Number of client refusals and no shows have decreased.
- Canceled rides were the highest in June 2019.
- Total rides taken between August 2018 to September 2019 were 22,464.
- Overall ridership is down by approximately 500 trips.
- Increase in rides taken with Spectran.
- Shopping bus is very popular, one day per week in the Township; a round trip fee is \$2.00.
- For extended hours ridership is the highest in the morning.
- Total trips taken between 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. were 1,757 compared to 850 trips taken between 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Increase the hours in the morning to start at 7:00 a.m.
- Most popular extended location was Meijer Bath with a total of 776 rides taken.
- The majority of student ridership is from Okemos Schools.
- Between August 2018 to September 2019 trips taken by Okemos Schools' students totaled 4,342 compared to Haslett Schools' students totaled 126.
- Overall student ridership is down.
- CATA is working with Okemos Schools to reduce student ridership.
- Pilot bus shelters have been installed at Grand River Avenue/Michigan Avenue, Hagadorn Road/MSU and Cedar Street/Mt. Hope Road.
- New technology for real time dispatch, booking, location and payment on the bus.
- CATA millage renewal in 2020.
- The Commission requested CATA to provide information on the following items:
 - The number of rides that are new/unique compared to regular rides
 - Estimated time for mobile scheduling and bus tracking
 - Scheduling rides for Redi-Ride on Sunday
 - Ridership by fare type for 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

8. Commission Discussion

A. Items for 2020

- The Commission discussed an email from Director Perry outlining the projects he would be involved in 2020. (Copy of email on file.)

Other discussion topics included:

- Possible joint meeting with the Corridor Improvement Authority
- Review Township Pathway Master Plan
- Safe routes to school
- Railroad Quiet Zone
- MDOT and Ingham County Road Department road projects

9. Next Meeting Dates

Transportation Commission's next meeting is January 23, 2020 at the Central Fire Station Community Room. The Township Board's next meeting is December 3, 2019.

10. Adjournment

Chair Hackbarth moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Commissioner Deschaine

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.