The July meeting of the Mountain Line Transit Authority Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) was held on Wednesday, July 18 at 1:00 p.m. in the offices of the Transit Authority in Westover.

The following members were in attendance: Mary Herald (SMI), Andrew Socolow (Red Line), Margaret Carrico (Orange Line), Anetta Johnson (NWVCIL)

Not present with notice: Regina Mayolo, Walter Hardy (WVU), Valerie Romec (ITAC)
Not present without notice: Marissa Travinski (BOPARC), Daniel O. Carroll (Green Line)
Others in attendance: DHHR is working on getting representation, Maria Smith (Mountain Line), Kelly Rippin (WBOY), Chelsea Fuller (Dominion Post)

**General Business**
- A motion to approve May Minutes was made by Margaret Carrico and second by Andrew Socolow with no further discussion minutes for May were approved.
- Committee members were given a list of dates for 2012 meetings: Sept 19 (6:00 PM special meeting) and Nov 21 (normal time @ 1:00 PM).
- Tom Jones was driver of the month for May and June.
- Ridership for the months of May and April were up from annual figures for last year for overall, Disabled Ridership is up and Senior Ridership was down in May however this was contributed to driver error, June Senior Ridership was up 56% and WVU Ridership is up for both months. Highest ridership in May was on Blue & Gold and in June was Gold MV.
- Senior Mon’s ridership is showing record breaking numbers at 3379 for May and 3253 for June. There are currently 638 passes that have been distributed.
- High School ridership was at an all-time high in May at 1326 but dropped off in June to 471.
- WVU Ridership was 28,500 in May and at 21,143 in June.

**Old Business**
- Solar Panel Project has been completed and the Authority is now producing electricity. The bill was at $2,300 last month and the bill this month is going to be $416. The last thing to be finished is the installation of the software that will allow the authority and public access to the day to day data from the solar power plant including how many planted trees the produced electricity is equivalent to as well as how many vehicle miles or annually powered houses. The software will also show charts of the power being produced and possibly a gage on the website.
- Service Reduction Update
  - Orange Line – Evening Service will be cut at the 5:00 PM run
  - Red Line – The City approved the funding last night so only two of the runs will be cut
  - Brown Line – Will be entirely cut
  - Mountain Heights – The departure time on two runs has been changed as a cost cutting measure to better coordinate services resulting from a number of system-wide route changes.

**New Business**
- Gold Line – Mountain Valley notified the authority that they would not be renewing their contract, therefore the authority has to make cut backs on the route to compensate. Three options were presented to the public, the first was to decrease the frequency and alternate service between Mon General & Van Voorhis, the second was to maintain the hourly service however there is no funding to back this option and the third was to go back to the 80 minute loop that was run prior to the
contract with Mountain Valley. Of the 131 surveys that were filled out online 100 of them chose option 1, so the Authority’s Board passed it last Wednesday and it began this past Monday.

- The TIP Submission was presented to the group for public comment, there were no questions or comments. The suggested TIP amounts are now with the MPO for public comment.
- Service Agreement Status – West Run has renewed their contract for the 2012 year, The Domain Apartments are not interested in partnering with the authority, they have 900 beds and expect to service their residents with two of their buses. Valley View may change or be cut due to WVU’s budget cuts if anything happens it will probably be in October.

The next meeting of the CAC will be on September 21 at 6:00 PM at the Mountain Line office in Westover. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.