The March meeting of the Mountain Line Transit Authority Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) was held on Wednesday, March 20 at 1:00 p.m. in the offices of the Transit Authority in Westover.

The following members were in attendance: Andrew Socolow (Red Line), Margaret Carrico (Orange Line), Valerie Romec (ITAC).

Not present with notice: None Reported  
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Others in attendance: Christina Luo (Mountain Line)

General Business

- Minutes from January were approved.  
- Meeting dates for 2013: May 15, July 17, Sept 18 and Nov 20. Committee will select an evening meeting date at a future meeting. 
- Tom Jones was driver of the month for January and February. 
- The total passenger trips for January were down 15% compared to last year, disabled passenger trips were up 63 %, senior passenger trips were up 27% and WVU ridership were down 17% compared to last year; the total passenger trips for February were down 3% compared to last year, disabled passenger trips were up 22 %, senior passenger trips were down 3% and WVU ridership were down 2% compared to last year.

Old Business

- Travel Training will be held at various locations once the target audience is determined.  
- Drivers Training will be held this summer; possible dates for the event will be discussed at May meeting.  
- WVDOH plan for Mon Blvd (to create a middle lane for turning) has not received much positive community support. This plan does not allow for safe refuge for pedestrians or vehicles, creates several dangerous left turn areas, and does not include sidewalks or other accommodations for individuals using alternate modes of transportation.  
- High School Ride Free Program is still looking for a sponsor to continue and expand the program. At this point students will be asked to continue to use their regular high school ID to ride the bus for free.

New Business

- Maria will be on maternity leave for the May meetings but will return with baby pictures in July.  
- Mountain Line had spoken with the Manager of the Suncrest Town Center concerning their Service Request. The General Manager explained to them that $120,000.00 dollars would be needed to provide regular route service per year.  
- There will be a change in Talking Bus Technology, change fiscal year dates to match federal fiscal year, of all 2012 to 2013 projects, make application to the New Freedom Grant for funds for the talking bus project, and make a request to the Department of Highways to build a side walk from the shelter located on DuPont Road to the Grey Line parking lot.  
- Mountain Line drafted two letters for the County Commission to send to municipalities to encourage them to provide funding to Mountain Line Transit Authority for route service.

Public Comment

- No comments.

The next meeting of the CAC will be on July 17 at 1:00 PM at the Mountain Line office in Westover. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.