Mountain Line Transit Authority Citizen Advisory Committee
Minutes – March 21, 2012

The March meeting of the Mountain Line Transit Authority Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) was held on Wednesday, March 21 at 1:00 p.m. in the offices of the Transit Authority in Westover.

The following members were in attendance: Margaret Carrico, Andrew Socolow, Valerie Romec
Not present with notice: Regina Mayolo
Not present without notice: Ellen Dalton (Senior Mons), Marissa Travinski (BOPARC), Daniel O. Carroll (Green Line), Trish Harman (ITAC), Lisa Hunt (NWCVIL), Bobby King (Blue Line), CiCi Cottingham (DHHR)

Others in attendance: None

General Business

- Approval of minutes from November was tabled for next meeting and we don’t have minutes for January.
- Committee members were given a list of dates for 2012 meetings: May 16, July 18, Sept 19 and Nov 21. Committee will discuss at the next meeting the possibility of holding one of the meetings in the evening.
- Ci Ci Cottingham will no longer be representing DHHR, they are looking for another employee or rider who will be able to represent DHHR. Lisa Hunt will no longer be representing NWVCIL, Maria will contact them for a new rep.
- Tom Jones was driver of the month for January; Jim Huffman was driver of the month for February.
- Ridership for the months of January and February were up from annual figures for last year for overall, Disabled Ridership is down 18% and Senior Ridership has stayed the same and WVU Ridership is up 15% over last year. Highest ridership both months – Blue & Gold.
- Route Reports – The Green Line will no longer travel into Job Services, the bus will now turn around at Valley Health beginning next week.
- Senior Mon’s ridership is up for both January and February over 2010 and 2011. There are currently 609 passes that have been distributed.
- High School ridership was the highest it’s ever been in January and February at 926 and 937 respectively.
- WVU Ridership was 99,900 and 113,000 for January and February respectively.

Old Business

- Solar Panel contract will be signed this Friday and the project is to be complete by end of Summer. Valerie has asked if she could be notified of the start date so she can be sure to have her vehicles out of the upper lot.
- CLIC Driver class will not occur in May, new date TBD. Valerie has asked about any other training opportunities her drivers could attend in the near future, Maria will research and report to her.

New Business

- The Orange Line evening service will more than likely be eliminated, the authority needs to cut $375,000 from their budget this year to compensate for higher fuel costs, insurance, and liability and less federal funding, JARC monies and possible discontinuation of subsidized services.
- All of the International bus suspension systems have been altered to provide a smoother ride.
- The Authority has a proposal on the table for The Domain apartments at UTC to provide hourly evening service between UTC, Evansdale and Downtown. The Authority hasn’t received a response yet.
• Bus announcement equipment will be tested out of the Blue Line within the next month or so that will automate the bus routes location announcements.
• The possibility of holding the CAC meetings at remote locations was brought up, it was thought overall to be a good idea, Maria is to research different possible locations and set it on the agenda for May to be voted on.
• The city bus shelters will now have trash receptacles that will be managed by Waste Management.
• The EEO presentation has been postponed until May.

Public Comment
• None

The next meeting of the CAC will be on May 16, 2012 at 1:00 PM at the Mountain Line office in Westover. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.