The November meeting of the Mountain Line Transit Authority Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) was held on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in the offices of the Transit Authority in Westover.

The following members were in attendance: Andrew Socolow (Gold Line), Margaret Carrico (Orange Line), Lu Dempsey (Mt. Heights), Lisa Hunt (NWVCIL), Cindy Plummer (DHHR), and Regina Mayolo (CLIC).

Not present with notice: None
Not present without notice: Daniel O. Carroll (Green Line), Lisa Gray (Grafton Road), Nick Hein (Grey Line), Randy Wildman (Main Street), Ian McCullough (WVU Student Government), Bobby King (Blue Line), Ellen Dalton (Senior Mons)

Others in attendance: Maria Springfield (Mountain Line), Dave Bruffy (Mountain Line)

**General Business**

- September minutes were approved without changes.
- There were no new applications for CAC positions.
- Jim Huffman was Driver of the Month for September; Dave Stump for October
- Data summaries showed overall increase in ridership; will hit 1,000,000 rides this year for the first time ever
- Survey showed 40% of students said they would choose housing based on available transportation
- Revenue increased on some routes even though ridership on those routes was not high – believed this is because riders are paying by trip, not with bus card

**Old Business**

- Driver Training rescheduled to December 4. Invitations have been sent to nursing homes, social service agencies, churches, etc. CAC members invited to attend.
- A Transportation Leadership training will be held in 2009 for CAC members.

**New Business**

- Youth Commission will support a program at the high school to provide transit cards to students
- My Bus kiosks will be installed at various locations that have a route checker and Google transit link to help riders know what bus they can use and where buses are. Locations – Mountainlair, Mall, Court House, City Hall, PRT platforms
- WVPTA has developed a statewide marketing campaign to encourage people to use public transit
- CAC received letter from a community member who wants the legislature to fund transportation services for an expanded group of seniors from lottery, not just low-income or Medicaid. Committee voted to send a letter, supporting transportation services in general – Maria will draft, Lou will sign.
- There are proposed route changes that will eliminate some service. Changes to Blue Line will eliminate service for a part of Charles Street; Tyrone Road will eliminate Tyrone Cheat Road; Purple Line will eliminate parts of Chestnut Ridge Road; District will eliminate Medical Center. Most of these are served by more than one route. Will reduce time on some of the lines to conform to the goal of Mountain Line to keep all trips to an hour or less. Public hearings are scheduled for early December.
Public Comment

- Residents in Grafton are interested in coordinating service with Mountain Line. Blacksville also wants expanded services.

The next meeting of the CAC will be on January 21, 2009 at the Mountain Line office in Westover. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.