The September meeting of the Mountain Line Transit Authority Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) was held on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in the offices of the Transit Authority in Westover.

The following members were in attendance: Lisa Hunt (NWVCIL), Brian Nestor (NWVCIL), Lu Dempsey (Mt. Heights), Daniel O. Carroll (Green Line), Margaret Carrico (Orange Line), Andrew Socolow (Gold Line) and Regina Mayolo (CLIC).

Not present with notice: Ellen Dalton (Senior Mons), Cindy Plummer (DHHR),
Not present without notice: Lisa Gray (Grafton Road), Nick Hein (Grey Line), Randy Wildman (Main Street), Ian McCullough (WVU Student Government), Bobby King (Blue Line)

Others in attendance: Maria Springfield (Mountain Line)

General Business

- July minutes were approved without changes.
- There were no new applications for CAC positions.
- Jim Huffman was Driver of the Month for July and August
- Data summaries showed overall increase in ridership; 10% increase over 2007; August 29 was the most riders ever in one day (over 8,000)
- Parking Authority showing decrease in number of cars.

Old Business

- Intermodal facility still on schedule to be completed by July 2009.

New Business

- West Run Service Expansion project showing success – Mt. Line considering greater frequency on route
- Southside will adjust times to help students
- WVU Transportation Week promoting all transit options. Mt. Line will promote the Google Transit option at this event; Mt. Line will hold competition among students to see who rides the most
- WV Public Transit Awards Banquet – Mt. Line won Best Safety, Best Maintenance, Driver of the Year and Management Innovation
- Mt. Line will be getting 7 new 35’ buses in 2009. CAC members asked about natural gas options or hybrid vehicles. Dave said cost of using a natural gas vehicle is an increase of about $200,000. State contract does not permit use of hybrids.
- CLIC will co-sponsor a Drivers Training workshop with the CAC for local van drivers and others. Date is set for Nov 12; Maria and Regina will work on logistics.
- All members of the CAC were asked to think about projects for 2009 and bring suggestions to the next meeting.
- CAC members asked if minutes/agendas for Mt. Line Board meeting could be shared with members; Maria will check.

Public Comment

- There were no public comments.

The next meeting of the CAC will be on November 19, 2008 at the Mountain Line office in Westover. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.