The September meeting of the Mountain Line Transit Authority Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) was held on Wednesday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the offices of the Transit Authority in Westover.

The following members were in attendance: Andrew Socolow (Red Line), Walter Hardy (WVU), Deborah Layman (Sr. Mons)

Not present with notice: Margaret Carrico (Orange Line), Regina Mayolo (CLIC)
Not present without notice: Annetta Johnson (NWVCIL), Raymond Keller (ITAC), Valerie Romec (ITAC)

Others in attendance: Maria Smith (Mountain Line)

**General Business**

- Minutes from July were reviewed, all in attendance were in approval, they will be put to vote at the November meeting when a quorum is present.
- Driver of the month for July and August was Bill Smith.
- July ridership was up 25% from last year and annual ridership so far is down 2% overall. Disabled ridership is up 3%, senior ridership is up 2% and WVU ridership is up 51%.
- August ridership was down 9% from last year and annual ridership so far is down 3%. Disabled ridership is down 15%, senior ridership is down 14% and WVU ridership is down 10%.
- SMI ridership was at 3446, Youth ridership was 472, WVU ridership was 72227 and Grey Line was 1604 for the month of August.

**Passenger Program**

- Samantha Conner has been announced as the first rider of the month, she will be contacted to receive her 30 day pass, certificate and promotional items.

**Old Business**

- Travel Training – SMI Travel Training still needs to be arranged, perhaps in the fall or around the Senior Expo and this Fall the Authority will also request to present to the WVU Housing Assistants
- Next Driver Training program tentatively scheduled for Tuesday Oct 13, 2014

**New Business**

- NEMT Update – Beginning October 1st Mountain Line will be unable to provide non-emergency medical transportation trips. This service is now being managed by the broker service MTM out of Charleston. Riders are to call the Reservation Line is 1-844-549-8353, their “Where’s My Ride” number is 1-844-549-8354, for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired (TTY) call 800-855-2880 for English and 800-855-2884 for Spanish. This change will mostly effect the PACE riders, they have been contacted via phone messaging system, Mountain Line also sent a press release out on Tuesday September 2nd.
- TIP Amendment for Ladders of Opportunity Funding –
  - Intermodal Facility – The Morgantown Parking Authority has plans for an intermodal facility on Pleasant Street between High & Spruce in the parking lot behind the funeral home. If Mountain Line receives this grand for $4 million this will also serve as the new depot and will replace the current location down by the waterfront. The facility will be staffed, provide parking, bike racks, restrooms and is only 1 block from the Walnut PRT Station.
  - Storage Facility – This portion of the grant request is for a bus storage facility at the current park & ride location next to the Westover Admin Building. This facility will have restrooms for the
drivers, a bus wash, parking for the drivers and will hold the bus fleet. This will also allow for the current garage to house buses that are in for service. Amount requested is $1.2 million.

- **Bus Purchase** – This request is for two 30 foot Gillig buses for the amount of $640,000

- **NewFIT Policy Changes** – The NewFIT Policy has been updated to include the NEMT changes. Printed versions of the new policy were available at the meeting.

- **MPO Bridge Study Funding** – This is a $14,000 study that is currently funded by the city and state, there is an amount of $5,400 still needed. The Authority is awaiting County Commissions decision on the funding. This study is to decide where the best location would be to build another bridge across the Monongalia River and another access point to I79.

- **GPS Data Collection Update** – Through the Talking Bus Software the Authority will have the capability to collect additional ridership data such as boardings and disembark locations, pass usage, as well as change cards.

**Public Comment**

- Deborah Layman stated that her middle school daughter is now riding the bus. Mountain Line Transits Mobility Coordinator is currently looking into a program for her to ride at a discount however due to the age group of middle school student’s support for such a program has been difficult to develop.

The next meeting of the CAC will be on November 19 at 1:00 PM at the Mountain Line office in Westover. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.