The SEPTEMBER meeting of the Mountain Line Transit Authority Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) was held on September 19, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. in the offices of the Transit Authority in Westover.

The following members were in attendance: Pam Everly – DHHR, Melanie Braun – Orange Line, Edith Zelmore – Eastern Circulator, Margaret Carrico – Purple Line, Andrew Socolow – Gold line, Katie Mehle – the Adult Learning Center, Megan Grimm – Cassville, Isaac Obioma – WVU SGA, Diana Baldwin- Unity House Apartments, Annetta Johnson – NWVCIL.

Members not present with notice:
Members not present without notice:
Other: Eric Jones

**General Business**

- Kelli called the meeting to order at 1:00pm
- Members reviewed the minutes and Melanie made a motion to approve and Edith seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
- Meeting dates for 2018: No more meetings in 2018; Kelli will send out a schedule for the 2019 meeting dates.
- July Driver of the Month was Bill Kimbrel. August Driver of the Month was John Blosser. Please note: there are 14 performance criteria upon which drivers are evaluated in order to receive this award.
- Personnel changes for the month of July include the hiring of six full time bus drivers: Craig Arthur, Jason Matheny, Burt Clendenin, Troy Haught, Aaron Balasko and Joseph Crites.
- Total ridership for the month of July increased by 5% as compared to May 2017. Senior ridership increased by 8% as compared to last year. WVU ridership decreased in July by 2%. Disabled Ridership was decreased by 9% as compared to May 2017. For August 2018, calendar year ridership increased by 5%. Disabled Ridership decreased by 28% as compared to August 2017 and Senior ridership decreased by 16% as compared to 2017 and WVU Ridership increased by 11%.
- Kelli presented the list of Rider of the Month nominations. The members voted to approve Joe Goodwin for October 2018 and Chasidy Conner for November 2018. The motion passed unanimously.
- High School Ridership was pretty consistent in July but was down in August possibly due to school being out and the new routes. WVU Ridership decreased in July but was up in August due to the start of the semester.
- Grey Line ridership was down.

**Unfinished Business**

- Kelli provided an update on the depot move stating that Mountain Line Transit is getting accustomed to having its operations being housed at the terminal.

**New Business**

- Kelli introduced West Virginia University’s new student body president, Isaac Obiama. Isaac stated that under his administration, they are focusing on three issues: 1) diversity and inclusion, 2) Community Outreach, 3) Student Outreach and Involvement. The main goal of the SGA is to advocate for the best interest of our peers and fellow students. Isaac stated that he would be happy to work with the CAC to identify needs among WVU students.
- The Warming Shelter: Mountain Line Transit will be working with Caritas House to provide transportation for the homeless to the Warming Shelter. This transportation will automatically occur on days when the temperature is predicted to fall below 34 degrees. On these days, a driver from Mountain Line at the end of his shift will take a bus to the Sheetz downtown and transport the homeless individuals to the Warming Shelter for the night.

**Public Comment**

- Eric Jones stated that the shelter on University Avenue near the Prete building has a glass panel out. He said the glass is still there, but it has been out for close to 9 months.
- Edith asked if there was anyway Mountain Line could rent a room somewhere in the Fort Pierpont location so riders would have a safe place to stand out of the elements since winter is coming.
- Mel stated that it isn’t safe to get off at the Westover Bridge and that there is no real place to exit the bus downtown.