

## Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

### Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2019

1 pm

Conference Room, Acton Senior and Social Services Center, 30 Sudbury Road, Acton

**Present:** Franny Osman (Chair), Luke Evans, and Paula Walsh

**Selectmen Present:** Joan Gardner

**Absent:** Jim Yarin and Jim Citro

Also present: Austin Cyganiewicz (Director of Intergovernmental Affairs), Scott Zadakis (Executive Director of CrossTown Connect), Sharon Mercurio (Director of the Council on Aging)

### 1. Opening

Chair Franny Osman opened the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

### 2. Regular Business

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes from the TAC May 23, 2019 meeting was reviewed and approved unanimously with the following amendments: Name spelling corrections for several committee members and meeting attendees. The full titles for acronyms.
- B. Board of Selectmen Chair and Liaison Joan Gardner updated the committee on the following:
  1. Sidewalk Committee will join TAC in the near future, with a later plan to add the South Acton Commuter Rail Committee.
  2. The expanded role of TAC will include reviewing the list of sidewalk projects, review the schedule for each project and assess communication methods to owners impacted by the sidewalk projects.
- C. Austin Cyganiewicz updated the committee on the following:
  1. Crosstown Connect (CTC) had some confusion when two (marked) vans were being serviced and substituted with unmarked vans.
  2. Doug Halley's last day was July 22, 2019.
  3. Civics and Cultural Calendar for Acton needed along with van schedules.
  4. Capital request will be made for next year for an additional van to provide a second CAT route.
- D. Scott Zadakis updated the committee on the following:
  1. Money is available for signs to be installed at bus stops. Austin added that money was also available for shelters at the stops.
  2. A review of the current CAT route schedule will be made with the goal of extending service further along Great Road with stops at/near Strawberry Hill Road and Trader Joe's.
  3. The Emerson Hospital collaboration talks are continuing.

4. The town of Concord has applied for a grant to expand service to Emerson Hospital, their downtown and the prisons.

**E. Citizens Concerns:**

1. Transportation lacking for rides home after the Community Supper on Wednesdays at the Mount Calvary Church on Massachusetts Ave, Acton which ends at 6 pm.
2. New dispatcher has dropped scheduled rides.
3. There is a need for Backup Drivers to insure coverage. The response from Scott Zadakis was that a staggering of drivers may be possible to address this need.
4. Asking the town to include TAC in conversations concerning the Richards Property.

**3. New/Special Business**

**A. Ms. Osman provided the following updates:**

1. Microtransit : An \$80,000 Grant has been awarded to Carlisle, which Acton may be able to participate in. TRIPPS Rideshare (Transportation Resources, Information, Planning and Partnership for Seniors) recently held a training session in Carlisle. Company representatives and the town are willing to hold an information session for Acton seniors.
- B. Adaptive Bike Coalition was discussed: Bursaw Oil has donated an electric bicycle to the Acton Police Department (APD) can patrol the bike trail.
- C. Mr. Evans suggested the addition of another rail service van and the addition of more CAT runs in the mornings to include the train station.
- D. Ms. Osman made the motion to approve the Board of Selectmen's plan for the future of TAC. The motion was seconded by Mr. Evans and the motion passed by a vote of 3-0.
- E. Ms. Gardner gave an account of assistance to Acton Nursing.

**4. Adjournment**

At 3:05 p.m., it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.  
The motion was approved unanimously.