

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2022
12:00 p.m.
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

Present: Franny Osman (Chair), Rama Balakrishna, Paula Walsh (arrived 12:16 pm).

Absent: There are currently two open positions on the committee

Select Board Representative: not present

Invited guests: Zhengyu Huang- Potential new member of TAC; Melissa Wingfield- van user; Nirupama Velankar- Council of Aging Liaison

1. Opening

Chair Franny Osman opened the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes –

- a. The July 22, 2022, and September 2, 2022, minutes were approved with edits. Franny Osman motioned for approval with edits, Rama Balakrishna seconded and there was unanimous approval of the minutes with edits.
- b. Approval of the May 5, 2022, and May 27, 2020, minutes was tabled.

B. Announcements:

- a. Austin Cyganiewicz, the Acton Director of Governmental Affairs is unable to attend today's meeting but a Public Service Presentation he created for transportation services in Acton will be shown to TAC today for discussion.
- b. The next meeting of TAC is scheduled October 28, 2022, at 12 Noon via Zoom. The agenda for that meeting will include discussion on whether to make changes to the TAC regular meeting schedule, possibly returning to evenings or at least adding some scheduled evening meetings.
- c. Decisions on how the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds will be distributed should occur by the start of October.

C. Select Board Update:

- a. No updates

D. Transportation Information Presentations:

- a. Franny Osman shared an historical Minuteman Movie from September 2012, highlighting the services available at that time with a dramatized segment highlighting the need for additional van services including the need for a fixed route.
- b. Franny additionally shared an updated PSA created by Austin Cyganiewicz including a Power Point presentation with a pre-recorded video of Austin describing the current services available.

- c. Franny screen shared the websites for the various extended services available and organizations within the State that Acton is associated with in relation to transportation services. One such association is with the LRTA (Lawrence Regional Transit Authority). The Acton representative to the LRTA is Mike Gowing and Franny Osman serves as the Rider Representative for that same organization.
- d. There was some discussion as to which video(s) would be the most useful in raising awareness of the town's transportation options. No final decision was made.

3. New/Special Business:

- A. There was discussion around discounted MBTA programs for Seniors, Youths and other individuals. TAC would like additional information about these programs and will seek this information from Austin Cyganiewicz.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Paula Walsh and seconded by Franny Osman and approved unanimously, The meeting ended at 1:39 p.m.

Attachments:

YOUTUBE ON ACTON'S PROGRAMS

Youtube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jOCZQ61Wcg0>

FUN MOVIE FROM TEN YEARS AGO

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oK_doWsJD0w

MAYNARD SHUTTLE

<https://www.townofmaynard-ma.gov/shuttle/>

<https://www.townofmaynard-ma.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/commuter-shuttle-schedule-20220401.pdf>

BOSTON SHUTTLE

<https://www.mrta.us/schedule-map/boston-shuttle/>

WORCESTER SHUTTLE

<https://www.mrta.us/schedule-map/worcester-shuttle/>

YANKEE BUS

<https://yankeeline.us/acton-and-concord/>

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Making the Connections Program

<https://www.mapc.org/resource-library/filling-the-transportation-gaps-magic-subregion/>

Emerson Hospital Transportation Work Group is about to publish a list of the transportation services in the towns in the hospital's service area. Kelsey Magnuson in Community Benefits
kmagnuson@emersonhosp.org

Lowell Regional Transit Authority

www.lrtा.com

Mass. Ridematch

<https://massridematch.org/>

Acronyms:

ADA= Americans with Disability Act

ARPA= American [COVID-19] Recovery Program Act

Boston MPO= Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization, the part of MassDOT that disburses federal transportation funds

BAG= Bicycle Advisory Group (formed January 2021)

CMAQ= Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality

COD= Commission on Disabilities

COVID= Novel Coronavirus 2019 causing a worldwide pandemic in 2020

CTPS= Central Transportation Planning Staff, within the Boston MPO, within MassDOT

**Landline= a signage and wayfinding project to connect communities by bike and pedestrian, by MAPC and MassTrails of MassDOT.*

MAGIC= Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination, which is our 13-town subregion of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council

MAPC= Metropolitan Area Planning Council

MassDOT=Massachusetts Department of Transportation

MBTA= Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

NRG=Nashoba Regional Greenways Coalition

SATSAC= South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee

TAC= Transportation Advisory Committee

TMA= Transportation Management Association