

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2020
7:30 pm

Acton Safety Facility, Meeting Room, 371 Main Street, Acton

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

Absent: Jim Citro

Present via speakerphone: Austin Cyganiewicz (Director of Intergovernmental Affairs)

Also in attendance: Michaela Morin (SAC representative) and members of the public

1. Opening

Franny Osman opened the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

2. Regular Business

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes from the February 6, 2020 meeting were approved.

3. New Business

- A. Micheala Moran, invited guest, representing the South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee updates the committee on the status of proposals for 19-21 Maple St property.
 - 1. Two buildings currently on the property. The larger one is historic, has plumbing, heat, hot water and wide doors. The smaller building, a two car garage, potentially could be removed.
 - 2. The town has hired a consultant to look at site and building uses. RFP for feasibility study consultants.
 - 3. TAC's suggestions for the site include: Pedestrian access from Martin St to Maple St, heat, bathroom facilities, coffee shop services, turnaround driveway for drop offs, direct connection to station, rerouting of traffic, shuttle hub and a bicycle hub (already in place).
 - 4. TAC would also suggest additional morning and evening commuter vans from the North Acton and NE Acton areas.
- B. Austin Cyganiewicz updated the committee on the following:
 - 1. A transportation bill was out today by Tami Geaveau providing \$50 million for remote parking.
 - 2. The MBTA has informed the town they would be willing to build and pay for commuter access between the South side of the station and the current parking lot.
 - 3. The statistics from TransAction have historically listed the "Unable to Serve" category as zero despite community input to the contrary. The agreement with

TransAction will need better language that they must accommodate with any other available vans and if notable to must list the request as “Unable to Serve”. If greater than 20%, is an actionable item by town.

4. Making Connections Pilot: transit via Uber & Lyft will take at least another month to implement for soft start. Full funding for FY21 starts on 7/1/2020.
5. Workforce Grant (Concord Shuttle) route will include the Courthouse, the Prison and Workforce related stops. An RFP for a coordinator must still be issued, the likely choice will be TransAction and potentially have a Summer start.
6. Trolley Service in Concord will stop at all the tourist spots this Summer and possibly run to the Fall, ACTON May want to connect to the trolley.
7. FY21 budget did include changes to the CAT, changing to a roving CAT model, as well as expanding the hours of door to door services except the Council on Aging and RoadRunner vans (Minuteman Vans). Of note: the Road Runner van becomes the Transit Shuttle.
8. There continues to be plans to add more fixed route stops in various neighborhoods.

C. Citizens Concerns:

1. A student from the McCarthy-Towne school, Tara Matthews, grade 6, addressed the committee on her concern about the size of the bike lanes between the school complex and West Acton. She and members of the citizens in attendance voiced support for additional bike resources in town, especially in West Acton.

4. Adjournment

At 9:03 p.m., it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.