

**MORRIS AREA PARATRANSIT SYSTEM
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Human Services Building
340 West Hanover Avenue
Ground Floor Conference Room
Morris Township, New Jersey
June 13, 2109

MINUTES

Members Present:

Marc Molde
Tom Pappas
Matt Putts

Staff Present:

Michelle Happel-DAR Roxbury
Christine Hellyer, Director of Special Transportation
Marcy Merola, SR Transportation, Mt. Olive
Pat Petrillo, Aging
Julie Reich-Chatham Senior Center
Patricia Rogalsky, MAPS
Isabel Rojas, NJ Transit
Dana Stukenborg, 5 Town DAR

Guests

Althea Branch- Access Link
Maria Isaza
Larkie Hightower-Access Link

I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 10:31 am by Christine Hellyer. Committee introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from April 11, 2019 were accepted and approved.

Motion:Matt Molde/Matt Putts

III. Access Link Presentation

Larkie Hightower

Althea Branch

Access Link is a public transportation service developed to comply with the paratransit regulations of ADA (Americans with Disabilities). Access Link service is comparable to the local fixed route bus and light rail systems. To use this service you must apply for an in person eligibility assessment.

Key characteristics:

- Origin to destination service.
- Origin/destination of all Access Link trips must fall within ¾ mile of a local bus route and light rail.
- Shared ride system
- Operates during the same days and hours as the local fixed route bus system.
- Same fare as the local fixed route bus.
- Exact fare is required.

see brochure

IV. Staff Report-Christine Hellyer

- Our paratransit *Public Hearing Meeting* is scheduled for July 18, at 10am in this room. The posting will be in the Daily Record and Star Ledger, June 14, 15 and 17. It is also made available to our agencies, senior centers, libraries and our vehicles. All our welcome to attend for their support or comments.
- We have one or more driver vacancies for our *MAPS* fleet that is effecting our ability to provide services.
- We are currently booking in advance because of our driver shortage.
- The *County* budget was approved for \$80,000, for our request for the tablets and software. We are currently evaluating our options. It should be in place by the end of 2019.
- We sent out over 850 customer service surveys and to date we have received 526 back, over 60%. We received a **98% positive response rate.**
- We received the 2020 SCADRTAP/5311 application and is due on August 2, 2019.

Allocations are as follows:

5311 FTA portion only is \$265,438, increase of \$26,349 and SCADRTAP is \$896,708 decrease of \$3772.

V. NJ Transit-Isabel Rojas

- We anticipate the *5310 applications* will be going out in July for 2018 and 2019. We encourage everyone to apply.
- *NJ Transit* requests all in attendance to be added to the mailing list for these grants. So please provide with your information.
- *2017 awards* went out and are as follows:
 - *Morris County* 2 vehicles
 - \$100,000 operating funds
 - *Pequannock* 1 vehicle
 - \$25,000 operating funds

VI. Old Business

We need ideas for presentations for our upcoming meetings. I'm sure you agree it gives our meetings more purpose. Please think about it, and forward me your ideas. Pat will send a reminder e-mail in 2 weeks to ask for your in-put.

Trish R. – We should reach out to all the dial-a-rides for input.

VII. New Business

Morris County Human Services Transportation Plan Coordination Plan was up in 2018. The last update was 2013.

All of our members of our network will be invited to attend. Included with the invite will be a copy of the 2013 plan for your review. I will send the dates early July:

- First date will be late August/early September and the
- Second date in November

Next year I intend to have three set dates will be available ahead of our September meeting.

Adjournment: 11:47pm

Motion: Matt Putts/Marc Molde

Next meeting: September 12, 2019