

**MORRIS AREA PARATRANSIT SYSTEM
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Human Services Building
340 West Hanover Avenue
Ground Floor Conference Room
Morris Township, New Jersey
September 13, 2018

MINUTES

Members Present:

Marc Molde
Tom Pappas
Matthew Putts
Jean Perlman

Staff Present:

Kasey Durnal, Jefferson DAR
Christine Hellyer, Director of Special Transportation
Pam Mansfield, Sr. Center Chatham's
Georgia Pease, Jefferson DAR
Pat Petrillo, Aging
Diane Pizzuti, 5Town DAR Pequannock
Isabel Rojas, NJ Transit

I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 10:36 am by Christine Hellyer. Committee introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from April 12, 2018 were accepted and approved.

Motion: M.P./M.P.

III. Staff Report-Christine Hellyer

- Currently working on the SCDRTAP 5311 application that is due September 21. (more specifics in New Business)
- We had to forego applying for the grant for tablets for our MAPS fleet. because of the change in the management here we didn't have time to apply. I am looking to see if we can internally fund the tablets.
- I would like to increase the membership for this committee for 2019 to make the meetings more productive.

IV. NJ Transit-Isabel Rojas

- SCDRTAP 5311 application will be released to the Counties and due back on September 24.
- Morris County SCDRTAP allocations for 2019: \$900,480.

5311 federal allocation is \$239,089 and the NJ Transit matches that \$119,054.50.

- 5310 Application 2017 closed on June 29. We are currently reviewing them, and towards the end of November or December. We will meet with our State review Committee to review them all, and in the new year award letters for 2017 will be sent out.
- Sports betting (casino funding) was approved in May or June of this year and grossed 95 million in August and the Casino fund should increase the transportation fund in 2020.
- Agencies applied from County of Morris: Morris County, Mt. Olive Township, Jefferson Township and 5 Town DAR Pequannock.
- This year we received 88 applications this year
 - ❖ 18 million vehicle requests
 - ❖ 5.7 million mobility management
 - ❖ 8.5 million operating funds
- 2016 5310 award letters for Morris County
 - ❖ 1 Extended van, seats 8 , a securement location
 - ❖ \$75,000 operating funds
 - ❖ \$75,000 County match
- 2015 5310 award
 - ❖ 1 mini bus, seat 12, one securement location
 - ❖ \$75,000 operating funds
 - ❖ \$75,000 County match
- 2014 5310 award
 - ❖ 2 vehicles: one with 2 accessible locations and one with 3
 - ❖ \$75,000 operating funds
 - ❖ \$75,000 County match.
- 5 Town DAR Pequannock
 - ❖ one vehicle
 - ❖ \$25,000 operating funds.
- 2014 and 2015 vehicles for part of this year's current procurement package and anticipated delivery will be 2019-2021.

V. New Business- Christine Hellyer

SCDRTAP increases from last year:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
5311 Grant -	\$229,521	\$239,090
❖ 2018		\$861,766
❖ 2019		\$900,480

This was helpful for us that there was a decent increase. This year we didn't apply for 2019 **Area Plan Contract** for Assisted Transportation funds for around \$46,000, because we didn't feel we were servicing the Community to the best of the ability, and maybe someone in the Community could provide a better job with assisted transportation.

The offset really helped us by getting the increased award, assuming that it is awarded.

SCDRTAP funds : Operating dollars, maintenance materials and administration costs.

5311 funds : Operating dollars, materials consumed (mostly fuel).

Our **Public Hearing** for the **SCDRTAP** application was held on August ,2018. Our goals were:

- To minimize the waitlist for services. We are very happy to announce we have started it already and minimized our dialysis waitlist by 12 individuals this past year. We would like to continue that.
- We want all of our drivers to have additional training from *NJ Transit*, but we can't send them all. We will send one driver to class and then the driver can come back and show what he/she learned. The issue is we have to pull drivers from routes, and because we have to serve the community daily it's not feasible.
- We want to move forward with research and procurement of the tablet program for *MAPS* vehicles.

All of the above will be in the SCDRTAP application.

The feedback from other Counties is that Morris should be there with the technology.

Announcements- Christine Hellyer

NJ Cost Expo (New Jersey Council on Special Transportation) will be held on October 9, 2018 at *NJ. Convention and Exposition Center in Edison.*

M.M. I would like to go.

C.H. I'll look into it.

Old Business-

J.P. My question is for Pat, the minutes are from April, wasn't there a meeting in June?

P.P. No, Jean we didn't have a Director in June.

M.P. Asked about the presentation from Uber/or Lyft, that was discussed in prior meetings by Ophelia.

Christine explained she wasn't grandfathered any info on that, but I if it's something we want to discuss at a future meeting. If you would like I will reach out to *Lyft* and ask them for a presentation for a future meeting. *Lyft* accepts scheduling of rides.

Also, while I was in *Hunterdon County*, *Lyft* (with accessible vehicles) was doing a pilot program with *ARC*, for people with disabilities.

I.R. **Essex and Sussex** County is doing a pilot program with the (share ride taxi's), *Lyft/Uber*. I will get more info.

Ryde-4-Life (E-Z Ride) is doing very well. It coordinates rides with *Lyft* for clients in Essex, Bergen, Passaic and Union counties.

On Monday September 17, 2018 a pilot program in Sussex County with *Coach USA* from Vernon to Manhattan.

C.H. I will reach out to Sussex County and see how that is doing.

M.P. Also, requests are for evenings, non-work/non-medical appointments, that aren't **MAPS** appropriate.

C.H. I will research articles on the different programs we mentioned today, and share them with you, and you can do the same, and we can discuss at the next meeting. Please send them to Pat.

We shouldn't look at these models like competition, because they can service the clients that aren't disabled and we can provide the extra service disabled consumers require with our accessible vehicles and trained drivers (sensitivity).

Our first step now is we can make referrals that is helpful, and then looking later on maybe we can do something financially.

D.P. Jitterbug phone if you call the operator and they will coordinate a ride with Uber.

P.M. There is also **Go-Go Grandparent**, are nationwide. The cost is 15% more because they are the middle person between for **Uber/Lyft**, but you don't need a smart phone.

C.H. We can even look into our non-profits, that provide transportation to our clients.

50% of our *MAPS* fleet is wheelchair accessible, and we also ordered 3 or 4 more of the same.

Logisticare does use Uber/Lyft, but in Hunterdon County, legal issues didn't allow them to use them.

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VIII. Adjournment and next meeting

- Meeting adjourned at 11:11 am

Motion: M.M./M.P.

Our next meeting is:

November 8, 2018

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