

**MORRIS AREA PARATRANSIT SYSTEM
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Hybrid meeting**

November 3, 2022

CAC Members Present

Maria Isaza
Stephany Maldonado
Nancy Toolen

Staff Present:

Christine Hellyer- Director of Special Transportation
Marcy Merola- SR Transportation Mt. Olive
Pat Petrillo- Aging
Isabel Rojas- NJT

Guests

Anrea Lubin
Stephanie DiPetrillo

I. *Call to Order:* The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by *Christine Hellyer*, and she announced the meeting is being recorded, followed by roll call.

II. *Approval of Minutes*
No quorum hold for next meeting

III. *Staff Report- Christine Hellyer*

- I received an e-mail this morning from NCOA (National Council on Aging) they are partnering with LYFT and will be offering transportation to/from polling places for older adults. It will be free/discounted up to \$50.00. No location restrictions using the code **NCOAELECTION**
- *November 16th, 11am-2pm*, (fifteen-minute intervals), "*Community Open House*", hosted by *Rutgers/CHSTP* (Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan) here in the ground floor conference room, *Rutgers* will be holding a "*Meet and Greet*" for the community to bring their needs and issues.
Let us know what we are doing and continue to do well, where there are gaps.

Stephanie DiPetrillo Basically the survey is completed, and we can still make "Tell us your Story," available on the website. You can also e-mail me privately your story.

- *Chatham Library on November 13th, 3pm-5pm will hold a volunteer fair. The purpose is to connect people to volunteers.*

New Jersey Transit – Isabel Rojas

- *SCDRTAP 5311 Application, Casino Revenue was returned to NJ Transit and currently being reviewed for completion.*
- *Morris County funding for 2023 1.4 million dollars, an increase of 38%.*
- *2023 5311 Grant Federal allocation is \$330,487 dollars increase of 23%.*
- *Section 5310 Grant, MAPS will receive 6 vehicles from previous awards.*
- *CRRSAA Application (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act) to support the transit industry during the*
- *COVID 19 Public Health Emergency funds to be released at 100% Federal and no local share*
- *FY 2020 5310 Grant release of inclusion/non-inclusion letters this month*
- *FY 2019 5310 awards were already released and the agreements for operating funds for Morris County and Twp of Pequannock will receive agreements this month.*
- *Morris County and the Township of Pequannock were both reviewed for compliance in August with COVID related initiatives. and the reports will be released by December.*
- *NJT and CH Planning Consultants completed all compliance reviews in August. Those reports will be released by December*
- *FTA visited NJT in August and September for our triannual review and during the exit review no findings were detected.*

Maria asked about the results of the audits having no issues.

Isabel clarified : 2 compliance reviews simultaneously

- *We (NJT) didn't have any findings detected in our review.*
- *Morris County and Twp of Pequannock results will go to them and they will be given ample time to make any corrections if needed.*
- *NJT has been testing autonomous vehicles at the Monmouth County Airport and the County providers will be identified to visit.*

IV. New Business

Christine shared a screen with a map of outline of Morris County with
The current bus,

V. Old Business

- SCDRTAP Public Hearing last month had 1 committee member, 1 provider, and CAC members in attendance. It was a beneficial meeting.

- Christine asked Maria how the App for MAPS was working.

Maria very well it alerts me when ride is arriving and when trip is completed.

One example: My mom had an early appointment that I drove her to. Oscar had to go to work, and I was at the appointment with my mom and I received alert that Oscar was picked up and arrived on time and safely at work.

My mom and Oscar are comfortable using the I-Pad with the app.

I have not used the phone app with them yet.

Enrollment in website will let you see what trips are scheduled, how to cancel trips, and what previous trips were taken.

Maria said she has a booking icon and is it available?

Christine asked Maria to try to book a trip with the icon after hours of MAPS operation: Saturday and it shouldn't

Christine said that by mid-2023 a self-service simultaneous enrollment in both MAPS website and App.

VI. Announcements

Isabel: Today is NJ Transit's Public Hearing. It is virtual

South- 5pm-6pm

Central 6pm-7pm

North 7pm-8pm

Contact me for the links.

Adjourned : 10:42am

Motion: M.I./N.T.