

Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan

Provider's Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday, November 12, 2015

SEMCOG Offices

11:00am to 12:00pm

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of October, 2015 PAC Meeting Minutes
4. Public Comments
5. James Fielder TOD-Detroit.
6. Updates
 - a. Fare Coordination Study/ MOU comments and ITS Sub-Committee – Cornelius Henry/Mel Evans
 - b. Fold-up Regional Maps – SuVon Treece
 - c. BEST projects – Michael Ford
 - d. “Yield to Bus” Law
7. Members Comments
8. Items for October
9. Public Comments
10. New Business
11. Adjourn

Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan
Public Transit Provider's Advisory Council Meeting
October 8, 2015
Meeting Summary

1. Call to Order / Introductions

Board Liasons: Alma Wheeler-Smith, Don Morandini, Chuck Moss

Members present:

DDOT: Casey McNeill

SMART: Robert Cramer, Andy Thorner

AAATA: Sarah Pressprich-Gryniewicz

DTC: n/a

Other provider staff present: Neil Greenberg (DDOT), Mel Evans (SMART)

Staff present: Michael Ford, Tiffany Gunter, Benjamin Stupka, Kim Johnson (MDOT), Deanna Donahoo (SEMCOG)

Public present: Lawrence Krieg, Ruth Johnson, Jeromie Winsor (AECOM), Jeffrey Nolish, Eugene Conway, Patty Fedowa, James Filder

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Approval of September 2015 PAC Meeting Minutes

Unanimous approval with additions to list of meeting participants.

4. Subcommittee Updates

a. Fare Coordination Study / ITS Sub-Committee

- i. Provider and public comments (Pressprich-Gryniewicz): Fare Coordination Study posted on PAC page of RTA website. Public comment period in process.
- ii. MOU status (Pressprich-Gryniewicz): Report will be approved informally by PAC. Once signed by all providers and RTA, MOU will be formally adopted by RTA board. Agencies will determine process. Discuss timeline for adoption at November 2015 PAC meeting.
- iii. Universal Pass – magnetic strip tests (Evans): SMART and DDOT regional pass works at DTC and mostly works at AAATA. AAATA has two types of fareboxes, but the magnetic strip test has still been successful.
- iv. Next steps: RTA will gather public feedback. Revenue sharing policy to be determined by providers. Pressprich-Gryniewicz noted that The Ride is deeply interested in expanding ways to access transit.

b. Performance Metrics (Cramer): Subcommittee will meet soon to discuss if changes should happen before next yearly summary. Presentation scheduled for state legislature in March 2016.

- c. Folding Map (Cramer): Meeting with vendor scheduled to discuss copy process. Product will be finalized by end of 2015. Greenberg inquired about the folding map updating process and was advised to discuss with SuVon Treece, DDOT Marketing Manager and subcommittee co-chair.

5. RTA projects

- i. Woodward, Gratiot, and Michigan Corridor Studies (Stupka)
 - 1. Woodward: Reconstituting advisory committee soon
 - 2. Gratiot: public meetings held week first week of October 2015. TOD workshops scheduled for November 2015 for each corridor city. Each workshop will highlight one potential TOD location. Tier 1 pass/fail assessment complete. Providers and public are asked to provide feedback by October 23, 2015. BRT will be pursued moving forward. Various alignments for downtown Detroit and Mt. Clemens under consideration.
 - 3. Michigan: Tier 1 pass/fail assessment complete. Providers and public are asked to provide feedback by October 23, 2015. BRT and Commuter Rail will be pursued moving forward. Public meetings held 2nd week of October 2015. Format will include 3 hour open house with 2 presentation periods.
- ii. Regional Transit Master Plan (Stupka): Public meetings scheduled for 3rd week of October. Emphasis will be placed on gathering public priorities. No scenarios from RTMP will be presented. Final draft of plan scheduled for December 2015.
- iii. Community Meetings – addressed above
- iv. “Yield to Bus” Law (Nolish): Jeffrey Nolish, a Detroit Revitalization Fellow with Metro Matters, distributed a memo summarizing existing laws and gave a brief presentation. Further discussions will explore data collection regarding injuries/fatalities, improvements to on time performance, cost of implementation, ticket revenue sharing, and marketing/communication techniques for law implementation
- v. Bus Collision Avoidance Systems (Evans): Systems can notify driver of object and/or notify pedestrians about bus. AAATA’s new buses make audible sound for pedestrians when drivers use right-turn signal. AAATA estimates that their system costs \$1,000/bus to purchase/install. SMART very interested in this technology for next bus purchase.
- vi. Re-mix Software (Stupka): Demo given remotely by software representative Tiffany Chu. Stupka provided summary of software benefits for regional planning. Features include: Title VI service equity engine; long range planning; route efficiency; business case for BRT; transit efficiency and range; and collaboration and outreach. RTA has grant money and will be talking with providers about partnering.

6. Woodward Esplanade Plan (James Fidler, Downtown Detroit Partnership)

7. CMAQ Update – SEMCOG

8. Discussion – FTA rulemaking

9. Success Stories

10. Member Comments

11. Public Comments

12. Items for November 2015

13. New Business

14. Adjourn