



**REGIONAL  
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## Public Transit Providers Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday, December 10, 2015

10:00 AM

Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan

1001 Woodward Ave., Suite 1400

Detroit, MI 48226

### AGENDA

1. Call to order / Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of November 12, 2015 meeting minutes
4. Public Comment
5. PAC Initiatives
  - a. Fare Coordination Study and MOU – RTA Staff
  - b. Bus Collision Avoidance Systems –Mel Evans
  - c. Fold-up Regional Maps – SuVon Treece
  - d. “Yield to Bus” Law – RTA Staff
6. BEST Project Updates – RTA Staff
  - a. Regional Master Transit Plan
  - b. Woodward Avenue
  - c. Gratiot Avenue
  - d. Michigan Avenue
7. GIS Mapping and Intermodal Analysis of Accidents – SEMCOG Staff
8. Member Comments
9. Public Comment
10. New Business
11. Adjourn

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November 12, 2015  
Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order/Introductions

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

Members present:

DDOT: Casey McNeill

SMART: Robert Cramer, Andy Thorner

AAATA: Sarah Pressprich-Gryniewicz

DTC: Cornelius Henry

Other provider staff present: SuVon Treece (DDOT), Mel Evans (SMART), Beth Gibbons (SMART), Oliver Lindsay (DTC)

Staff present: Michael Ford, Tiffany Gunter, Ben Stupka, Deanna Donahoo (SEMCOG)

Public present: Lawrence Krieg, Eugene Conway, Ruth Johnson, Jeromie Winsor (AECOM)

2. Approval of Agenda

Approved unanimously.

3. Approval of October, 2015 PAC Meeting Minutes

Approved unanimously.

4. Public Comments

None.

5. James Fielder TOD-Detroit

N/A – postponed to a later date

6. Updates

a. Fare Coordination Study, MOU, and ITS Sub-Committee - Cornelius Henry/Mel Evans

i. Fare Coordination Study posted online. No major altering comments were received.

ii. MOU is under RTA review. RTA hopes to make the MOU more substantial. Cramer supports this effort and notes that SMART's legal review found that the MOU has no legal elements. Cramer suggests PAC subcommittee and Ford concurs. RTA will be taking ownership of the

document moving forward and will be developing a working group to examine policy, timeline, and schedule near-term.

- iii. ITS Sub-Committee: The regional pass works at all agencies. Currently investigating Collision Avoidance Systems, especially those that notify pedestrians and cyclists of a bus' left/right turn with a distinct and recognizable noise. Evans notes that SMART is not including a Collision Avoidance System in their current procurement. After market systems are available, however. Next steps: scheduling a vendor presentation.
- b. Fold-up Regional Map – SuVon Treece
  - i. A copy editor has been hired to develop cohesive text. Draft due back by the end of the day. SMART (Andrew) is working on map lay-out.
  - ii. Pressprich-Gryniewicz notes that AAATA has proposed service changes for May 2016. Treece reassures that both the folded map and updated posted map will incorporate AAATA, DDOT, and other planned service changes.
- c. BEST projects – Michael Ford
  - i. RMTP team conducted public outreach in October to explore regional mobility priorities.
  - ii. Gratiot and Michigan Ave Corridor Studies: Tier I Assessments have been finalized and posted to RTA website for review and comment. Gratiot Ave will be moving forward with BRT and Michigan Ave will be moving forward with BRT and Commuter/Regional Rail. The Gratiot Team held a series of Transit-Oriented Development workshops in Mt. Clemens/Clinton Township, Roseville, and downtown Detroit. Workshops will reconvene during Tier 2 Assessment process.
  - iii. Woodward Ave: Advisory Committee has been reconvened. Team is moving forward with the required environmental review including Section 106 historical review and traffic analyses.
- d. “Yield to Bus” Law – Michael Ford: RTA researching best practices and will report next month.

## 7. Members Comments

- a. AAATA: CAD/AVL project is working towards an installation by March 31, 2016 for the fixed-route fleet. Project includes sharing “real” real time, detour/construction, and customer service information via an updated website and smartphone applications. AAATA chose Clever as the vendor. SMART also utilizes Clever. Scio Township voted in millage in November election.
- b. DDOT: DDOT reports 100% peak pull-out since mid-September (192 = AM; 229 = PM). A scope of work is in development for a transit enterprise system upgrade and replacement, including CAD/AVL components. Evans strongly recommends hiring a subject-matter expert. AAATA used Transystems. DDOT reports that they have engaged Intueor. Evans inquired if DDOT is looking at transitioning radio to digital. Pressprich-Gryniewicz notes that AAATA chose Clever, in part, because of their experience transitioning to new radio systems. Lastly, Angelica Jones has

been promoted to City of Detroit Agency CFO and will no longer be at DDOT. DDOT will appoint new PAC member by next monthly meeting.

- c. SMART: 59 new buses have started being built. Evans mentioned that putting 12 previously purchased buses into service was delayed due to CAD/AVL and camera installation. Evans emphasized the importance of including IT/ITS components in new bus procurements. SMART is installing plaques with unique numbers at all bus stops for use with “text my bus” type applications.
  - d. DTC: The People Mover will be free on Thanksgiving with DDOT’s eastside routes terminating at Bricktown. Last year, this increased ridership by 30% and improved DDOT’s on-time performance. DTC is in the process of updating their website, which is funded by a MDOT Section 5304 grant. Station upgrades are in process including new signage at all 13 stations and new flooring at Greektown.
8. Items for October – Will be determined during bi-weekly PAC officer conference call.
  9. Public Comments
    - a. Johnson extended compliments to the RTA, PAC members, and public transit providers on progress and improvements like DDOT’s recent successful community workshops and SMART’s new bus build. A new initiative, TRU is looking at the met and unmet needs of veterans. Also, TRU is a representative of the Momentum Coalition, which is composed of 7 organizations.
  10. New Business – None.
  11. Adjourn