



Providers Advisory Committee

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Meeting Start Time: 1:05

Meeting End Time: 2:10

Attending: Robert Cramer (DDOT), Adam Elgouhl (SEMCOG), Robert Powalski, Andrew Champagne (SMART), Khalil Davis, Julia Roberts (RTA), Kristin Caffray (RTA), Melanie Pianna (RTA), Ken Anderson (TheRide), Sarah Lagppacan (Oakland Transit), Corey Rowe (SMART), Jordan Vonzynda (SMART), Stephanie Davis (DDOT), Deanna Donahoo (MDOT), Jacob Grahm (MoGo)

Notes

1. Public Comment
 - Comment from Robert Pawlowski. Concern that mobility wallet is not an advanced program. Asks what the plan is in the final stages of the program to advance and look at new technologies going forward.
2. RTA Annual Funding Split Presentation - Julia Roberts presented and asked providers to sign up for board presentations in March and April. A suggestion was made that the RTA require current TAM and PTAS plans from providers.
3. Regional Coordination Priorities - Julia reviewed the coordination priority list (some items drawn from a CAC survey), ranked highest to lowest: infrastructure, workforce development, corridor upgrades, transfer points between routes/providers, paratransit transfers, signage/wayfinding/trip planning, easy fare payment, and hours of operation. The mobility wallet kickoff is expected within a few weeks.
4. Provider Updates
 - DDOT - Report given by Rober Cramer. 45 new hybrid buses delayed by a seat issue (first 9 in June, rest by year-end) to replace the aging fleet. Coolidge facility terminal on track for Q1/Q2 FY26. Vehicle availability improving; staffing adequate. Public hearings in March (June changes) and April (5% service increase), consistent with DDOT Reimagined.
 - MoGo - Awaiting CRP funding. Best January in four years despite lower winter numbers. Will apply for TAP next cycle.



- People Mover - Free fares all of 2025. Over 1M rides last year; targeting 2M this year (53% increase). Participating in Challenge Detroit, with a fellowship project on citywide transit awareness.
- SMART - Ran special Lions game service. Wixom park-and-ride open, with a spring campaign planned. Engaged in Smarter Mobility stakeholder work; produced a bus-stop design manual (inventory next). 400 of 426 budgeted fixed-route drivers; on-time performance improving.
- TheRide - Partnering with the Ann Arbor Housing Commission on a combined transit/affordable-housing project; site plan due to city staff by March.
- SEMCOG - Received approval for recommended CMAQ and CRP projects, funding TheRide, DDOT, People Mover, SMART, and RTA's ATP. Wants to connect with MoGo on TAP and with providers on alternative fuels.