



Providers Advisory Committee

Tuesday, May 12th, 2026

1:00 p.m. EST

Summary

Attendees:

- RTA - Ben Stupka, Julia Roberts, Mshadoni Smith-Jackson, Kristin Caffray, Drue Bender, Rachel Schmul, Melanie Piana
- DDOT - Robert Cramer
- Detroit People Mover - Sarah Gryniewicz, Corneilus Henry
- Oakland County Transit - Dominic Pavone
- SEMCOG - Adam Elghoul
- SMART – Jonathan Hondorp
- TheRide – Ken Anderson

1:07 PM start time

1. Public Comment - none
2. Illustrative Priorities - Julia Roberts share a draft of the illustrative list memo. The memo is still in draft form and does not yet communicate the process. Several members of the PAC expressed support for the document.
3. Coordination Priorities - Julia Roberts (RTA) discussed coordination priorities agreed upon by the PAC providers. Discussion around the Access to Transit program was included and the potential future locations. Ben Stupka noted that for Woodward CIG there is a task-order out for pre-CIG. The RTA also reminded the group of the May 22nd workshop for agencies to learn more about the CIG process. Workforce was the final priority discussed. There is interest in building off of SMARTs Drive a Bus event and more generally future recruitment opportunities.

Provider & MPO Updates

- DDOT – April increased service. No shortage of drivers.
- MoGo - not present.
- People Mover - Sarah Gryniewicz reported that the train is back up and running. DPM is supporting on the Michigan Central Multimodal Facility,



owners rep on board and key to supporting committees and shaping design of the project. A transit operators working group will be created. Cornelius spoke about the draft feasibility study.

- SMART - Jonathan Hondorpspoke about the SMARTer mobility plan and the new routes that are up and running as well as future routes in the pipeline.
- TheRide - Ken Anderson spoke about working with MDOT on the Washtenaw Corridor in Ann Arbor on a resurfacing project and possible road diet. The Transit Center in Ypsilanti is fully funded and working through final environmental review with construction 2027-ish.
- Oakland County Transit – Community transit plan accepted by transit adhoc committee. The plan can be found on the Oakland County Transit website. Oakland County Transit has their own Access to Transit project but is collaborating with the RTA on the Southfield location.
- RTA - IPAF was released recently, available on MDOTs website. Application are due June 30th. The mobility wallet pilot wraps up May 31st. In March the RTA started the Highway Express Bus study which wraps up in September.