

Citizens Advisory Committee of the Regional Transit Authority

Mon, April 13, 2026 5:00 PM (EDT)

In Person Hosted at SEMCOG's Offices at
1001 Woodward Ave #1400 (14th Floor)
Detroit, MI 48226 (Campus Martius)

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MEETING AGENDA

CAC Members: Lauren Baker ☒ Michael Bedard ☒ Tony Cafaro ☐ Rukiya Colvin ☐ Eric Dryer ☐ Jason Gierman ☐ Robert Gordon ☐ Gerald Hasspacher ☐ Andrea Henry ☐ Matt Homrich-Knieling ☐ Tim Hull ☒ Sarosh Irani ☐ Christian Jacobsen ☐ Jamie Junior ☒ Jarod Malestein ☐ Mitchell Mantey ☐	Erin McCurry ☐ Reginald McLemore ☐ Aleksandra Miziolek ☐ Megan Owens ☐ Daniel Parnell McCarter ☐ Robert Pawlowski ☒ Melinda Powers ☒ Deniqua Robinson ☒ Susan Rowe ☐ Corey Rowe ☐ Greg Rybarczyk ☒ Taria Sims ☒ LeRoy Taylor ☐ John Waterman ☒ Stephen Weatherholt ☐ Thomas Yazbeck ☐	RTA Participants: Ben Stupka, RTA Executive Dir ☐ Erica Robertson, RTA Board Liaison ☐ Ned Staebler, RTA Board Liaison ☐ Corri Wofford, RTA External Affairs Director ☐ Julia Roberts, RTA Planning & Innovation Director ☐ Kameron Bloye ☐ Isaac Constans, RTA Communications ☒ Becky Lesicki ☐ Drue Bender ☒ Robert Cramer, DDOT General Mgr ☐ Interested Parties: Brother Cunningham ☐ Madison Prinzing ☐ Katelynn Britton ☒ Keon Williams ☐ Renard Monczunski Lucas Lasecki
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Meeting Objectives:	Agenda Items:
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1	Call to Order – 3 min
2	Quorum (6/30) – 2 min Not reached
3	Recognition of Steven Hawring
4	Approval of the Agenda – 2 min <i>Robert Introduced</i> <i>Farai Seconded</i> <i>Unanimous</i>
5	Approval of Feb 9 Meeting Minutes – 2 min <i>Robert Introduced</i> <i>Jaime Seconded</i> <i>Unanimous</i>
6	Public Comment – As needed - 10 min
7	RTA Update – 10 Min <i>Mobility Wallet Pilot – Kristin Caffray(KC) -RTA</i> <i>2026 Wallet Pilot was reviewed and invited members to take part.</i> <i>The idea is to create an opportunity to have a transit digital wallet and to provide a potential subsidy p</i> UAT Interviews • Riders describe MyRide Wallet as straightforward, reliable, and prefer digital passes over paper; no crashes reported. • Setup/onboarding, balance & pass visibility, pass purchase confidence, performance, and trust/security all rated positive. • Faster boarding + higher confidence—clear “active” status, expiration countdown, and buy-now/activate-later reduce uncertainty and improve the rider experience. <i>Jaime if this would be able to be used with Para Transit. KC – there has been testing since December</i> <i>Jaime clarified – can I transfer a pass to another individual.</i>

KC – not currently but that is the kind of feedback we'd love to have as part of the pilot.

What To Expect

- If you are chosen to participate you will receive an email with instructions on how to sign up. It is important that the email and phone number you provide in the sign-up form match what you use signing up for the app.
 - This email will also include instructions for scheduling the participant assessment, a requirement for the pilot.
- Your MyRide Wallet will be funded with \$50.
- Due to the nature of the pilot, we recommend having a back-up pass in the event a driver is not familiar with the digital pass. The back-up pass will be your responsibility.
- Wallets will no longer be funded after May 31st.

Need to review and ensure participant volunteers are able to use the system effectively – IE need to know

There have been some minimal issues with the pilot program and working with the system but do record

John asked which systems

KC SMART, DDOT, SMART Flex. Not D2A2/Flex/Wota/Nota/Pex

John likes the idea of streamlining of transfers between rides and trips.

KC – By participating in the pilot will take part in assessments – this occurs thru May

What's Next?

- Pilot runs December – June
- Participant assessments rolling now through May
- Project Concludes in July



Robert – Thank you to Farai for helping to spearhead this and to work to get it moved fwd. Asked if th

KC – Some research early in the process but at current point the focus is on the testing of what's been

Robert – Working with different payment providers? IE ApplePay etc.

KC – Some experience with wallet funding but as of this moment the pilot involves the wallet being fun

Farai – Looking to understand local problems as opposed to looking at networks that may have very d

Jaime – Asked with regards to the screen reading function and has potential volunteer specific in that

	Thank you for taking into consideration the funding dynamic. This is major consideration in the difference KC – initially looking at subsidy part – IE an employer or united way/other org
8	Transit Board Updates – 10 min A. Michael: OC CTP – NOTA/WOTA/PEX/OPC Want to recognize OC Transit for delivering an in depth and multi-faceted plan that touches on service throughout Oakland County. I'd recommend reviewing as there are a number of new service types some of which in my sense are key to continued growth and support for transit throughout the region. B. Robert: SMART, DDOT, SEMCOG (TRU Advocacy) SMART Advisory on 3/27. Service changes and also all students K-12 and college will be able to ride with support from the new mayor. New service changes coming next week – Wixom/Commerce route 6:30 – 10:00 M-S 8-6 on Su and Lo Route 492 and Rochester/Auburn to see improvement in frequency. 796 Perry/Opdyke to OCC and further will be eliminated and will see expansion elsewhere. Gratiot/69th There will be wayfinding signage on all SMART buses post service changes SMART/DDOT looking to Next week starts a new SEMCOG slate – transit council starting back up. DDOT – State of the city Mayor Sheffield has made Public Transit a major topic with lots of transit advocacy 10AM – 12 SMART Advisory Council meetings the Friday post SMART board meetings. C. John: Wayne County Transit August 5th Wayne County would become an opt in community like Oakland and Macomb. This would be a first. We haven't had microtransit/para providers at the same scale and this would be more likely to be a SMART bus. Currently most plan components haven't been covered and expect to see more in the way of display of options Robert – the county has tried to reach out to the communities about the benefits of having transit. Robert John – make sure the transit story is out there and even if they're not using it and that there is value for Mike – I have to disagree when we're several years in and have no service. Wayne County is massive John – Well lets hope it helps and that Washtenaw can get to that point in the future. Mike – What does Washtenaw currently have as its makeup? John – Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and a number of areas but there are places like Milan/Chelsea/Britain that could
9	New Business - 5 mins <i>Robert big thank you to TRU for hosting their advocacy sessions in Lansing. In the House & Senate and</i> <i>Melinda: Question w/r/t who to follow up with service issues: Typically in line with the individual provider</i>

	<i>Katelyn provided some context for past experiences with students when they've seen missed pickups</i> <i>Melinda: This occurred with the Q Line which is under the RTA. Multiple cars that never showed and t</i> <i>RTA team gave some context of some instances that have resulted in service interruptions historically</i> <i>John – More on the Southend meeting shortly. DPM is currently down – is there info on service restora</i> <i>Robert – No update</i> <i>RTA – Damage estimates from high winds which damaged pieces of track that are being reviewed for</i>
10	Next Meeting: June 8, 2026 Based on Above – 2 Mins
11	Meeting Adjournment – 2 Mins <i>Robert Introduced</i> <i>Taria Seconded</i>

Reference Materials	Link(s)	Notes
Oakland County Community Transit Plan	https://www.oakgov.com/home/showpublisheddocument/30275/639065056892200000	

	<i>Decisions/Action Items</i>	<i>Assigned</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
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