Mountain Line Transit Authority Citizen Advisory Committee
Minutes – January 18,2023

The **JANUARY 18, 2023** meeting of the Mountain Line Transit Authority Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) was held on November 16, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. via zoom and in person.

The following members were in attendance: Melanie Braun, David Huffman, Edith Zelmore, Christine Wilcox (Livability), Joe Lint (WBOY)
The following members were in attendance via zoom:
Public:
Members not present with notice:

General Business

- Kelli called the meeting to order at 1:01pm.
- Dave motioned to accept November 2022 as is. Melanie seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- 2023 Meeting dates:
    - March 15th, 2023
    - May 17th, 2023
    - July 19th, 2023
    - September 20th, 2023
    - November 15th, 2023

- PUBLIC HEARING- Hearing on Rt 14 Mountain Heights and Rt 15 Grafton Rd Service Elimination.
    - NO PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS

  PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION- No public comments
- Nominations for ROM were: No nominations were provided. Kelli will send out an email requesting riders at a later date.
- Driver of the Month awards for the previous months were awarded to the following:
    - November 2022 – John Blosser
    - December 2022 – Tom Jones and Tom Blosser
- Personnel changes for the November 2022:
    - Hired – four additional drivers: Daniel Shorter, Richard Jules, Robert Pettis and Ethan Wilson
    - Personnel changes for December 2022- None
- Ridership details for the previous months are as follows:
    - November 2022–Calendar ridership increased by 39%. There was a 20% increase in the monthly comparison of all riders. Disabled ridership decreased by 14% compared to November 2021. Senior ridership decreased 30% from November 2021. WVU ridership increased 10% compared to November 2021.
    - December 2022- Calendar ridership increased 38%. Monthly comparison of all riders increased 24%. Disabled ridership decreased 8%. Senior ridership decreased 8% since December 2021. WVU ridership increased 26% since December 2021.
- High School Free Ridership WVU Ridership,– all showed increases in ridership compared to November and December 2021. Grey Line trips decreased in December of 2022 as compared to December 2021
- Property Tax Pass Ridership was reviewed. 566 passes distributed to date; 4928 rides using the passes in November 2022 and 5521 rides in December 2022
- NewFIT : NewFIT ridership fluctuates. There were 89 trips in November and 87 trips in December.
- Statewide Opioid Response: Using 2 drivers at least 2 days per week; 417 trips in November and 411 in December
- RideMon trips: 346 trips November; 394 trips in December

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Uber Pilot Project**: Kelli stated the Uber Pilot Project will continue and that the Mountain Heights and Grafton Rd routes are going to be discontinued in March.

- **MLTA Office and Terminal Renovations**: The Project is continuing and is slated to start sometime March or April. Kelli showed the members what some of the paint and flooring samples would be as well as what the unfinished space will look like after renovation. Kelli also shared images of the what the terminal lobby is slated to look like with the new waiting area, customer service area and bending area. Kelli also shared color scheme and images of the acoustic wall panels.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Fiorini Shelter**: Kelli shared a little history of the Albert Fiorini and the Fiorini family that was instrumental in the keeping transit in the Monongalia County. In 1921, Fred Fiorini Sr (Albert's dad) was a driver of the first Monongalia County bus line, called Star Bus Company. From 1921 to 1947 there were several different bus lines that operated going to various locations including locally and to different cities such as Uniontown, PA and Washington, PA. From 1947-1972, the Mountaineer Transportation Company ran a bus line to New Martinsville. IN 1972, Mountaineer Bus Lines was operated by Albert Fiorini, son of Fred Fiorini who had helped start the first transit service. Al Fiorini was also employed by Mountain Line for a period of time.
- **New Bus Arrivals** Several new Ford buses have arrived and will be branded with our logo and will be in service shortly.
- **CAC Membership and Roles**: Kelli reviewed the CAC membership and roles and would like to have nominations for new Board members (Chairperson, Vice Chair and Secretary) by July.