



Accessibility Advisory Committee

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METROACCESS SUBCOMMITTEE / AAC SPECIAL MEETING REPORT: January 17, 2012

Call to Order

Committee members Mr. Paul Semelfort (MetroAccess Subcommittee Chairman), Mr. Tappan Banerjee, Mr. Patrick Sheehan, Dr. Phil Posner, Ms. Marilyn Lutter, Ms. Carolyn Bellamy, Mr. William Staderman, Ms. Deborah Brown, Ms. Emily Singer, Mr. Damien Gregory, Ms. Michelle Clark, Ms. Regina Lee, and Ms. Doris Ray were present.

Mr. Sheehan informed the public that a special emergency meeting of the full Accessibility Advisory Committee will take the place of the MetroAccess Subcommittee meeting in order to discuss Metro General Manager's proposed FY 2013 budget. Mr. Sheehan noted for the record that a Committee quorum was present. He then stated that the Committee would attempt to reserve time for a public comment period at the end of the meeting.

MetroAccess Fare Media Exchange Update

Mr. Raj Srinath, WMATA Treasurer, discussed the decision to eliminate the use of tokens and paper farecards in an effort to adhere to Metro's goal of using every resource wisely. He stated that tokens and paper farecards cost about ten times more to process than electronic fare media.

Mr. Srinath agreed to offer dates in February 2012 for the exchange of tokens and farecards. Information pertaining to the exchange will be provided in advance. Several members of the Committee voiced concern that social services agencies had been having difficulty using the current acceptable fare media to assist their consumers. Mr. Kent acknowledged the concern and stated that staff would investigate the concern.

Fare Policy Recommendations to Board

Dr. Posner presented the Accessibility Advisory Committee's proposed recommendations to Metro's Board of Directors concerning MetroAccess fares for fiscal year 2013. Dr. Posner outlined two motions to present to the board for consideration, and read these motions into record. The full text of the motions can be found in the accompanying document titled "AAC MetroAccess Fare Policy Recommendations", located under the January 2012 meeting heading at http://www.wmata.com/accessibility/advocacy_policy/subcommittee.cfm.

The third motion was a recommendation to the Board to add a proposal for a MetroAccess zone-based fare structure to the public hearing docket. All motions were approved by the AAC. Mr. Kent elaborated on the General Manager's budget recommendations before introducing Mr. Mark Pohl, Assistant General Counsel for WMATA.

Mr. Pohl addressed the legalities regarding the Boards decisions and provided guidance to the Committee in constructing motions and/or recommendations to the Board.

Public Comment

There were four public comments made on the topics of E-Z Pay, the recertification process, the resignation of one of the subcontracting service providers, and reservation calls. Please refer to the document "Complaint Resolution Report – January 2012" for detailed information and resolution of the public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04pm