



AAC

Accessibility Advisory Committee

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Dear Chair Downs and Members of the Board,

It is my pleasure to present you with the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) report for the month of November 2013. The primary issues we reviewed were: Accessible Bus Stops and the District of Columbia Age-Friendly Task Force.

Issues of the Month

Accessible Bus Stops – Scorecard

The Bus and Rail Subcommittee (BRS) discussed the current status of bus stop accessibility based on the presentations the committee received from representatives of each jurisdiction. The BRS then developed a scorecard demonstrating the total number of bus stops in each area, the number of accessible bus stops, and the percentage of bus stops that need improvements.

The BRS also discussed actions the AAC should initiate to support improved bus stop accessibility throughout the region. The BRS recommended that the AAC support the WMATA standard for an accessible bus stop, which in addition to the ADA requirements, adds the functionality of curb accessibility to the standard. The BRS also recommended the development of a Bus Stop Accessibility Work Group that will track progress of bus stop improvements; compare locations of inaccessible bus stops with the locations of MetroAccess customers lacking access to fixed route services (this will demonstrate the potential savings realized if jurisdictions improved these stops; and advocate for increased region-wide funding allocated to bus stop improvements.

Age-Friendly DC

The AAC, seniors and members of the disability community participated in the community conversation hosted by Metro on behalf of the District of Columbia (DC) Age-Friendly Task Force. Participants completed a survey and shared recommendations on age friendliness of Metro services and all public transportation in D.C. In addition, more than 700 surveys were completed on-line. The survey results will be compiled into a score along with the comments received, and incorporated into a final report of the Task Force.

Lastly, the AAC would like to thank the Board's Executive Committee for productive quarterly meetings with the officers of the AAC. This past year, the AAC has been able to provide input on a number of critical issues impacting the disability community.

Sincerely,



Patrick Sheehan, Chairman