

Gloucester County Local Citizens

Transportation Advisory Committee

June 10, 2021 Via phone Conference

Meeting started at 4:04pm

Attendance: Dennis Ledger, Salvatore Barbuto, Dennis Cook, Theresa Ziegler, Robert Dazlich

Absent: Christina Velazquez

Guest: Lisa Tulley- Southern Regional Program Administrator/NJ TRANSIT

Staff: Lisa Cerny, Director; Kristen Cervantes, Secretary

1. **Roll Call:** roll call was taken with a quorum present meeting started at 4:04pm
2. **Approval of April 8, 2021 minutes-** Dennis Ledger motioned for minutes to be approved Dennis Cook and Robert Dazlich seconded- minutes approved
3. **Discussion items and updates**
 - Operations/2021 priorities- Public hearing was held June 10, 2021 very positive feedback; ACCESSLINK and the old LOGISTICARE now Modiv Care complaints are still the same, Lisa Tulley will take that information back to her colleagues about some of the concerns of ACCESSLINK consumers, the SCDRTAP Application will be posted on the county website and available at the county library
 - i. Transportation department will be having some summer retirements- one of our long-time drivers retired June 1, August 1 another possible retirement of a driver, and August 1 our administrative assistant Maureen McClain will retire, June 21 a new hire will start as a CSR, also a potential part time driver has been partially interviewed. The interview should be completed within the week so hopefully within a month or so we should have a part time driver
 - ii. Drivers and dispatch have been really persevering and making sure clients are getting where they need to be in a timely manner based on the amount of staff the transportation department has at the current time.

- iii. May- CSR reports 28 new applications, 422 trips booked, 798 calls for the month, 8 denials based on the day being closed out or we could not fit them into the schedule. Year to date 5,535 calls, 2,043 trips booked, 188 new applications, and 9 denials. Calls are down but things are starting to open up we are hoping to meet the demand.
 - iv. June 17 re- inspection of 6 vehicles by NJ Transit.
 - v. 2 buses were deployed to Glassboro on Tuesday June 8 due to a bomb threat at polling places we had to evacuate about 40 people
 - vi. 3-month contract sent to Sen-Han to provide veterans transportation through our veterans and military affairs grant, a bid was put out to provide transport to our sheltered workshops which included the veteran's transportation. We accepted the sheltered workshop component but the veteran's transportation was over bid so we have to put that out separately and we are working on that. We have had a gentleman agreement with Sen-Han to provide shared services for 15-20 years to go over the Philadelphia this formalizes it.
 - vii. Email from Lea Sheridan from NJ TRANSIT regarding FY18 CMAQ flex award, we ordered 3 vehicles 1 was an extended cutaway we had asked for an overhead shopping rack they could not be installed so we resubmitted our request with no shopping racks overhead
 - viii. Division received an email from SJTA indicating they were stopped by the state police for not having the proper identification decals on the busses. GC County Council reviewed the State Police Report and the statute reference. It was recommended that SJTA place their decal on our buses indicating they are the operator of the bus but GC owns the vehicle. State police have adopted the federal motor carrier safety regulations for intra state commercial vehicles that are over 10,000lbs or greater which are our busses.
- B. COST- no report
 - C. Regional Transit Issues- GC Planning Office reported transit schedules were received from NJTRANSIT, 12 out of 60 sites for schedules have been visited-not all are open yet- 45 sites are open with limited access, couple residents have called to have schedules mailed to them.

- There was a meeting for Pureland East West Shuttle. April numbers total ridership 2,904 passengers average being 132, March to April decrease of 17.5% and from 2020-2021 a decrease in 16.5%
 - i. Pureland E/W Community Shuttle-Question was asked are there any plans to market the shuttle at the new Inspira hospital? Answer: Due to COVID visitors have not been allowed, chief operating officer said she would promote the shuttle and also assist in setting up a meeting with large employers for Cross County Connections and the United Way of GC to present a sustainability plan for Pureland E/W Community Shuttle.
 - ii. April there were 13 riders for the month that were dropped off at the Inspira stop.
 - iii. Planning Division staff also road the PEW from Avondale to Pureland. They took the Commodore Business Park Shuttle. Driver was very happy to have the turnaround is now open. Driver explained to Planning staff where they were dropping off passengers (mainly at Target)
 - iv. Planning Staff along with county agencies have been working on the Gloucester County Transit guide will be on the website with an interactive map
- Lisa Tulley report next statewide CAC meeting its at the end of June via teams – Bergen and Warren, last month Salem and Cumberland presented
 - i. 5310 waiting on 2018 agreement no approval for 2019 yet
 - ii. Anna Magri retired after 29 years at NJTRANSIT
 - iii. CARES funding-Gloucester County has used it and is available until July 2021, an extension as been approved for Gloucester County for planning studies for 18 months
- D. Other- Division of Senior Services is waiting for the state to allow them to open up the Congregate nutrition Sites. This may reduce the number of residents that are on the Home Delivered Meal Program (Serv-A-Tray). In 2020, DTS provided 4,131 trips under 5311 program with an additional 2,325 trips under SCDRTAP funding
 - i. Home Delivered Meals (Serv-A-Tray) trips-LCTAC board member recognizes the transportation department for stepping up to help this program in a thank you letter/email

- ii. We provide dialysis transportation on holidays for clients that have been grandfathered in, no holiday transport- written in the application for DTS
- iii. Pascale Sykes Foundation will sunset in 2022 there is no update as to sustainability funding for the shuttle at this time.
- 4. Old business- Commodore business park palm cards have been distributed throughout the county went live April 12
- 5. New business- next meeting scheduled for September 10
- 6. Public Portion- none
- 7. Adjournment- motion to adjourn Theresa Ziegler and Robert Dazlich seconded meeting ended at 4:50pm