

Gloucester County Local Citizen's  
Transportation Advisory Committee

July 13, 2023

Meeting Started: 3:25pm

**Attendance:** Robert Dazlich, Nick Cressman, Carol Weinhardt, Cadie DiGiambattista, Jackie Huston

**Staff:** Lisa Cerny, Gloucester County Division of Human & Special Services Director, Kristen Cervantes Secretary, Jessie Hampel Accountant, DanaMarie Convery Supervisor of Gloucester County Transportation

**Guests:** none

1. **Roll Call**- roll call was taken with a quorum present meeting started at 3:25pm

2. **Approval of April 13, 2023 minutes**- Nick Cressman asks for approval of April 13, 2023 minutes, Jackie Huston motion to approve minutes, Robert Dazlich seconded. Minutes were approved.

**3. Discussion items and updates**

a. Public Hearing debriefing- positive feedback, an email was received from a parent of an ACT student in his last year she had some comments to make Lisa referred her to the director of the ACT she was unable to attend the public hearing but will provide written testimony.

b. Operations/2023 priorities

Update on SJTA Operations- a board member used the DTS services for a medical ride and he said the drivers were excellent; SJTA has not been given all responsibilities yet; especially the call center it will happen more towards the end of the year; they have hired drivers; 7 drivers contracted; SJTA has been driving since Jan/ Feb 2023; they went from a paper manifest to a computer system (ECO LANE) as a demand response; SJTA does the daily dispatching; an email correspondence is in effect for when clients are done with their appointments as they are calling Gloucester County instead of SJTA for the time being.

Micro Transit Grant- reviewed 4 proposals of interest that Rutgers made available to us and Sen Han; an uber like program- free service to extend the hours and 1 day on a weekend, Sen Han and Lisa on same page looking for requested specific details as to this operation in a screening process. Looking to do an RFP for this year to be in place for 2024. It is a pilot

program through NJ TRANSIT called a Micro Transit Grant; Sen Han would be the lead; This grant is just for Camden Co. and Gloucester Co.

New Vehicle- designed for wheel chair securement; vehicle is over at SJTA in Blackwood; SJTA is to make comments to NJ TRANSIT on a weekly basis and Dana is being copied in the emails; drivers like it; NJ TRANSIT wants our input to make it better; Robert Dazlich would like to “try out” the new seat belt system he requested a ride from Dana.

CTIP- 50/50 bus- County Transportation Infrastructure Project; letters were sent out to all municipalities mayors and municipal clerks, gave them until July 17 to respond whether they wanted to participate or not; the county in the past was 50/50 or up to \$50,000 for the vehicle, before Covid vehicles were running around \$85,000 so it was a 40 something split, post Covid busses are around \$135,000 Gloucester County will still only do \$50,000 so municipalities have to pay the \$85,000, we received 3 letters of interest back they were sent up to administration treasury- Mantua, Greenwich Gibbstown, will receive the funding. Contract signed with Rura bus company within 100 days we would have the busses to us, and Lisa just received resolutions from the municipalities agreeing to pay for their portion of the bus, 2024 season; vehicles out on loan to Glassboro, Washington Twp. and Monroe, Washington Twp requested to return the vehicle and get a new one because the vehicle needs some maintenance; we are in the process of disposing of some vehicles they will go on govdeals.com we still need to find an appraiser for what the vehicles are worth (no blue book on the vehicles) it's a whole new process for NJ TRANSIT and the federal government

c. COST/ Statewide Issues- meeting was held with just the 21 transportation coordinators+ NJ TRANSIT staff at the Battlegrounds County Club in Monmouth County well over 4 hours long- over view from Accesslink, title 6 compliance, county human services transportation plan, and NJ TRANSIT programming; 19 counties responded Cape May and Salem were not in attendance; Jenelle Riveria announced the new regulations for SCDRTAP on the NJ registry; it does talk about percentages for our transportation services they only want 60% subscription and 40% demand response; come from a law in 1984 regulations expired in 2005 they want to reestablish those regulations and adding the NVRA and a couple other things. We are looking for ways to strategize to comply.

**Statewide Issues**- SCDRTAP application due in September; submitting report June in the next week or two; funding for Pureland was up 7/1/23 we put up an RFP to continue to support the administration, marketing, and technical assistance, 2 respondents United Way of Gloucester County and another agency, Jackie and Nick are able to sit on the review panel- we

reviewed the proposals, United Way of Gloucester County was awarded and it was on the Commissioner meeting agenda; we have to have money encumber by Dec 31, 2024 and fully expended by December 2025 this grant will end June 30, 2024 there is a sense of urgency for us.

d. Reginal Transit Issues- 2 new bus stops in Monroe Twp.

Pureland East/ West Shuttle- May had 2,734 trips, one-way trips were 2,103; 2,734 trips are 6.2% percent higher than last year still not back at 2020 ridership numbers but we did exceed 2021/2022 ridership numbers; ridership is increasing

e. Other- none

4. **Old Business**- bus schedules went to Carol Weinhardt at RCSJ

5. **New Business**- none

6. **Public Portion**- none

7. **Adjournment**- Nick Cressman motioned for adjournment Robert Dazlich motioned, Jackie Huston seconded meeting ended 3:59pm