

Gloucester County Local Citizen's
Transportation Advisory Committee
September 14, 2023

Meeting Started: 3:07pm

Attendance: Robert Dazlich, Nick Cressman, 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: Lisa Tulley NJ TRANSIT, Vincent Ferraro NJ TRANSIT

Absent: Carol Weinhardt, Cadie DiGiambattista

1. **Roll Call-** roll call was taken a quorum was not present.
2. **Approval of September 14, 2023-** minutes were not approved not enough voting members to cast a vote.
3. **Discussion items and updates**
 - a. Operations/2023 Priorities- SJTA trip count increase; driver wait time is less; training; having monthly meetings; transition for scheduling will be November/December; ACT we can only accept so many students because of the run/time constraints; scheduling/dispatch will be moved end of November beginning of December during the holiday time frame when it's a bit slower and Dana will be right there to assist- they are using EcoLane and have had training through EcoLane; a slow soft handoff will be January 1; reports are being sent in a timely fashion from SJTA with a deadline attached
 - i. CTIP- (County Transportation Improvement Plan)- Mantua and Greenwich Twp. are supposed to be receiving a vehicle soon an 18-passenger accessible bus with a rear wheelchair lift;
 - ii. Pilot bus- restraints for wheelchairs on the bus are a little bit raised no issues with transitioning from one level of the platform to the other, the only negative feedback is that there is a magnetic driver barrier door that releases when the driver hits a bump- magnet are not sticking (which has been reported)
 - iii. 2023 priorities are just to increase the trip count
 - iv. DTS is getting a new vehicle
 - v. Vehicle 53 has a recall that was prior to Covid- body separation recall- it's going to be worked on at the end of the month
 - b. COST/ Statewide issues- COST meeting is September 15, Dana submitted the NVR in a timely manner and we haven't heard anything more on the regional pilot program micro transit grant through Rutgers; asked for qualified people to be a provider for the pilot program; ARC

of Mercer has a pretty well-rounded program going to teach it to agencies that wanted to be involved; we made the recommendation that 6 regions are going to have a pilot and SCUCS was submitted to be the pilot in our area

- i. Statewide issues: Vincent Ferraro is the new regional NJ TRANSIT representative
- ii. ModivCare call: ModivCare will not disclose providers to Gloucester County Transportation; Gloucester County invited all 21 counties and other representatives to this call- for a decent conversation/meeting
- iii. Statewide- ModivCare was the winning bid in the public bid for transportation on a statewide basis- complaints are piling up along with no show rates; no trip is guaranteed after you schedule it
 1. Site visit BLACKCAT no report has been delivered to DTS yet- NJ TRANSIT had to extend the contract with them so no report is available right now

c. Regional Transit Issues:

- i. Pureland East West Shuttle numbers for June 2788 total ridership trips; 695 internal shuttle trips; 2093 one-way trips; 100 less than last years numbers but 100 above 2021 numbers;
- ii. Funding sunsets June 2024- looking for sustainable funding;
- iii. Nick Cressman has created a transportation guide for Gloucester County
- iv. Rutgers going through changes since people retired and were hired- for the micro transit grant update

d. Other: Lisa Tulley report- combined application of SCDRTAP was due to NJ TRANSIT on September 8 Lisa Tulley does have our application where it will be reviewed; next CAC meeting is September 18 in Camden County; Section 5310 the FY funding year 2022 application was released on August 25 and it will close on October 6 at 5pm, double solicitation FY 2023 application will be released at 5pm- that will close on November 10 at 5pm.

- i. Can apply for electric vehicles but not the infrastructure for charging stations
- ii. Vehicles operating 50/50 federal/local match
- iii. Mobility management is an 80/20 federal/local match
 1. Apply for acquisition of transportation services if we have a third party (SJTA) up to \$300,000.00 for an 80/20 split for both years
- iv. 5310 inclusion and non-inclusion letters coming out shortly
- v. 5311 agreements sent to Jessie Hampel tomorrow from Lisa Tulley
- vi. COST meeting tomorrow via zoom

4. **Old business** - none
5. **New business** - none
6. **Public Portion** - none
7. **Adjournment** - 3:51pm meeting ended quorum not met. Nick Cressman motioned for adjournment Jackie Huston motioned, Robert Dazlich seconded.