

Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes September 26, 2023

Present: Aznive Mallett, Paula Kilburn, James Kemp, Kim Nolan, Anthony Frisina, Tim Nolan

Staff: Michelle Martin

Michelle should be invited and she will present the documents she has sent out.

Michelle gave a brief overview of the questions prepared for the Journey Mapping data collection. Some questions were raised along with a few concerns related to specific text. Michelle took note for her next discussion with the consultants. Michelle agreed to distribute the JM interview guide to the full ACPD for comment / feedback with a defined date for responses.

Michelle talked about the plan for the annual meeting for transit. Some suggestions were to have more than one meeting (e.g. downtown and mountain) and to move up the date to earlier in the fall while weather is still relatively good. Michelle took note and will look at options then report back to TWG.

Michelle gave an update on the status of the survey and its dissemination.

Michelle talked about the need for good feedback on the various data collection efforts and the need to possibly

extend the timelines for feedback in order to get a good number of respondents.

When do we want to have the people from the LRT come and present?

LRT reps should speak with the full ACPD, not just TWG. Should look to having them meet with ACPD soon, though the request may already have been made.

The new fare structure on the HSR.

There were still concerns about the HSR new fare structure and the ability for people with disabilities to comply. A large number of issues regarding the new fare system were communicated with HSR staff yet the subsequent staff report failed to cite the concerns of ACPD members. Notwithstanding the failure of staff to accurately reflect the comments of ACPD, the fare system will begin January 01, 2024.

A discussion with DARTS about the service.

There was a robust discussion about the relevance or importance for DARTS staff to meet with TWG. Following discussion TWG members decided to stay status quo following up with ATS only, as has been the recent practice.

Snow removal at bus stops.

There was a robust discussion about snow removal at bus stops and the commitment made by HSR last winter. Discussion included what portions of bus stops, and curbsides, was required and what people's experiences were last year. It was noted that a motion re: snow removal from Councillor Spadafora required staff to report back by the end of August on snow clearing issues for winter 2023/24. Aznive will add this item to the next ACPD agenda for discussion and follow up.

Update the OBL.

The outstanding business list has previously been discussed at TWG. Aznive to ask Carrie to distribute the OBL items from all working groups.

I would like an for some of us to try the new, supposedly better engineered buses at the next ACPD meeting. Aznive to ask Carrie to follow up as this has already been apparently arranged. Members felt it would be better for the vehicle to be available before, rather than after, the meeting given the time of year and darkness setting in.