

Transportation Working Group Meeting Notes

November 28th, 2023

Virtual Teams Meeting

4:00PM – 6:00PM

Those in Attendance: James Kemp, Paula Kilburn, Tim Nolan, Kim Nolan

Also in Attendance: Nancy Purser, Michelle Martin, Tyler Davey, Ashley Evans, Nancy Purser

Those Absent: Anthony Frisina, Mark McNeil

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of November 28th Agenda: Agenda was approved

3. Annual Accessibility Information Event Update:
Michelle provided an update on the December 5th ATS Panel. It begins at 4:00PM at City Hall in rooms 192/193. A panel will be providing information on HSR, ATS and DARTS with regards to accessibility and the AODA. James will be representing the ACPD

as a panelist. It will be aired on YouTube and Cable 14.

4. Survey and Journey Mapping Projects Update:
Michelle provided a quick update on the survey and journey mapping projects. Response to the survey has already produced at least 600 responses and there have been many requests for paper copies. Survey will continue until December 31st.

5. “Offer me a Seat” Button Campaign Discussion:
Ashley provided us with a brief overview of what the HSR was thinking regarding a button campaign. Metrolinx has signed on to participate in the sunflower button campaign and Ashley asked if we think a similar program would work in Hamilton. James mentioned that Tom Manzuk often spoke of the program and how he felt that it was a good program that just wasn’t supported long enough to take root. We then discussed if we should do our own campaign. It was suggested that it would be simpler to use an already existing program than to create one ourselves. Tim suggested using MacMaster as a resource as they are the ones that did the program the first time. Paula suggested that the buttons be smaller so they don’t stand out as much and people would be more willing to wear them.

6. HSR Planned Campaign for PMD Front Door

Familiarization Training and Etiquette for All

Passengers: In order to force all passengers to use the Presto scanner, the HSR is making everyone use the front door as the primary entrance no matter their device or ability to operate it or even the layout of the bus in question. Nancy came to present the plan to train people with disabilities how to get out of the way for other people with disabilities as well as training all passengers in etiquette like taking off your backpack when boarding. They also let us know that training buses will be available at various locations so HSR trainers can train people with disabilities how to use their devices. All members in attendance raised several concerns about this plan and made it clear they would not be in support. There was even discussion about removing stanchions to improve mobility at the expense of passenger safety. We will be bringing this issue up at the full ACPD for further discussion.

7. Outstanding Business List: We are having a little difficulty locating the OBL for TWG. We found an early copy, but there is very little listed on it. Will have more information next meeting.

8. Other Business: There was no other business

9. Adjournment