

Draft Memorandum for the Record Access Advisory Committee to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (AACT) Executive Board Minutes

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

10:00 AM–11:15 AM; State Transportation Building, Suite 2150
10 Park Plaza, Boston

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Reading of the Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Attendance

James White

Lisa Weber

Nadine Jones
Hang Lee
Rev. Ellen Frith
James Tozza

Chair's Report

James White, Chair, on Monday, February 26, 2018, addressed the MBTA Fiscal Management and Control Board (FMCB) in support of the Office for Transportation Access (OTA), about the Uber and Lyft Ride Sharing Program, which has been well received and is seeing increased usage.

In March 2018, OTA Selection Committee will begin work on determining a replacement role for Global Contact Service (GCS) at The RIDE Access Center (TRAC).

Chair White shared his experience with his scheduled pick up by THE RIDE at 10 Park Plaza following the FMCB meeting. He noted the following issues about his experience:

- His pick-up location at 10 Park Plaza entrance was not checked by the driver. Instead of checking at the given location as listed, the driver waited at the Stuart Street entrance.
- THE RIDE driver did not follow standard operating procedure. The driver failed to locate him or contact dispatch for permission to leave a location.
- White contacted the Call Center (CC) to report to dispatch that the driver had not arrived. He also contacted Mike Hunter,

dispatch manager, for assistance, who also experienced trouble getting through to the CC. He noted that the wait time was approximately 20 to 30 minutes.

- He asked that this driver's record be investigated for recent customer complaints.

White also shared the following items with the Committee:

- THE RIDE drivers are listing customers as no-shows.
- There have been several complaints regarding drivers leaving pick-up locations without informing dispatch.
- He addressed the vendors to ensure that drivers are aware that this is not permitted.
- MBTA customers were furious with a lack of communication to inform customers of problems during recent chaotic situations.
- He said that customers complained that the lack of communication by MBTA staff in the midst of a crisis is less than desirable.

Committee Reports

Jim Tozza, AACT representative to the Rider Oversight Committee (ROC), reported on the following items:

- MBTA Orange Line cars have started to arrive.
- The MBTA Providence and Fairmount lines run slowly.

- The MBTA is considering the future of electric cars for speed.

Lisa Weber, AACT's representative to the Paratransit Taskforce Committee, reported the following items:

- The Committee discussed THE RIDE customers sharing Uber and Lyft services.
- The Committee announced that the MBTA has made available Uber and Lyft services to all users to maintain cost control per trip.

Announcements

There were none.

Notables

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Comments and questions concerning AACT should be directed to Chair James White by contacting the AACT Coordinator, Ms. Janie Guion, at 857.702.3658 (voice); 617.570.9193 (TTY); AACT@ctps.org (email); or c/o CTPS, 10 Park Plaza, Suite 2150, Boston, MA 02116 (US mail).

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