

LCTA Public Transit Ridership Forum Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the August 21, 2018 Public Transit Ridership Forum Meeting held at 2:00 PM at the LCTA HQ in Kingston, PA.

Present: Frank Knorek (LCTA), Lorri Vandermark (LCTA), Joe Fedak (Public), and Michael Sweeny (Public).

- A LCTA representative provided a welcome and introduction to the meeting.
- A LCTA representative reviewed the July PTRF meeting minutes.
- A LCTA representative stated: The new LCTA website will be going live sometime in September.
- A LCTA representative stated: Like last year, there will be a bus servicing the Luzerne County Fair next month.
- A LCTA representative stated: The last day for the Francis Slocum State Park route is 9/1/2018. Ridership has been down compared to previous years due to the poor summer weather.
- A LCTA representative stated: The tentative start for night service is mid-September.
- A LCTA representative stated: LCTA took delivery of two new CNG buses this month. The two new buses will be on the road sometime in the next 4-6 weeks.
- A member of the public asked: Will wifi will be installed on the bus?
 - A LCTA representative stated: Eventually, but with download limits. Also, LCTA is looking into adding USB ports to the interior of the bus.
- A member of the public asked: Why not change your routes to circulators instead of the hub and spoke system, what about park and rides?
 - A LCTA representative stated: The entire system would need to be revamped if we did this. The night service routes and route #2 are LCTA's first step into trying this type of system. If it proves successful, then more changes will be made. LCTA routes do go to just about all Park and Rides located in our service area, however, they are largely underutilized by riders. Many of those who use the park and ride lots are employees of Tobyhanna Army Depot.
- The next LCTA Public Transit Ridership Forum meeting will be held on 9/18/2018 at a time and location to be determined.