

LCTA Public Transit Ridership Forum Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the October 16, 2018 Public Transit Ridership Forum Meeting held at 2:00 PM at Misericordia University Insalaco Center (Room 2019) in Dallas, PA.

Present: Lorri Vandermark (LCTA), Frank Knorek (LCTA), B. Hyness (Public), and Kim Gomey (Public).

- An LCTA Official provided a welcome and introduction to the meeting, and reviewed the minutes from the 9/18/2018 Ridership Meeting.
- The LCTA official presented an overview and update of the agency.
- An LCTA staff member presented an overview of the Shared Ride Paratransit Program.
- An LCTA staff member presented an overview of the fixed route bus system and the new night service.
- A Q & A session was held with those in attendance:
 - A member of the public stated: “They represent a local warehousing company and they are interested in providing public transportation to both interview candidates and workers, what would be a better option, fixed route bus or contracted transportation, and how does the process work to get started?” Additionally, “a survey was provided to workers at the company to determine the public transportation needs of workers and interest in using public transportation. Our first shift starts from 7 AM to 3:30 PM, however, there are times where overtime can run until 4:30 to 5:30 PM.”
 - An LCTA staff member: Explained the difference between the fixed route bus system and contracted private transportation via a shared ride shuttle, which can be long-term or short-term. The LCTA staff member provided her contact information to follow up after the meeting and explained there is another staff member who formulates the contact, and how to contact them.
- No student surveys were distributed at this meeting because no students attended the meeting. The LCTA Public Relations Manager is working on contacting the Misericordia Office of Student Affairs and Institutional Research Office to potentially develop a separate electronic student public transit use survey utilizing Survey Monkey software.
- The next LCTA Public Transit Ridership Forum meeting will be held on 11/20/2018 at a time and location to be determined.