

Local Advisory Council

Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, June 3rd, 2008, 4:00pm

Location: Padnos Transportation Center, 171 Lincoln Avenue, Holland MI

Members Present:	<u> x </u>	Mike DeVries	<u> x </u>	Tony Harmer
	<u> x </u>	Elizabeth Ferry	<u> </u>	Lyle Sanders
	<u> x </u>	Renea Walkotten	<u> x </u>	Ron Martin
	<u> x </u>	Gert Vos	<u> x </u>	Richard Lichti

Meeting Agenda:

- Open Discussion/Immediate Issues.

The accessibility of Garden Ave. bus stop was brought up. There is no sidewalk located along the east side of 120th Avenue, and the current bus stop is located along a curb-bound and grassy area, where wheel-chair users are not given access to the building. Follow up: Riders should tell the driver at time of boarding that they want to get off at the Garden Ave. medical facility stop, and the driver will pull into parking lot and drop off rider, then return on route on 120th Avenue. This will only be done for riders in wheelchairs. Upon a return trip, the rider should call 355-1010 well in advance of the bus stop time, and the request will be relayed to the Route 4 driver, who will know to make the pickup at the medical facility.

Also, the accessibility issue of the first Wal-mart (Toys-R-Us) bus stop on James Street was mentioned. The current bus stop along James Street does not allow for wheelchair users to be let off, there is no sidewalk and a curb around the grassy area where the stop is located. The LAC wondered if the stop could be moved to the inside of the lot, to stop along the former Toys-R-Us building. Riders being told to ride and wait for later Wal-mart stop. Can buses stop inside lot, or can riders be let off on the driveways? Follow up: Riders should tell the driver at time of boarding that they want to get off at the James St. Walmart stop, and the driver will pull into parking lot and drop off riders alongside the former Toys-R-Us building. This will only be done for riders in wheelchairs. Upon a return trip, the rider should call 355-1010 well in advance of the normal bus stop time, and the request will be relayed to the Route 1 driver, who will know to make the pickup alongside the Toys-R-Us building.

- No Shows Report, Monthly Update (Handout).

No shows continue to decline since the beginning of enforcement in December 2007. A copy of the statistics is attached below.

- No Food or Drink/No Smoking signs being added to fleet.

LAC members (and in the past, drivers) have mentioned adding a sticker to the fare boxes stating that “Drivers Do Not Make Change.” Follow up: To be completed during the first part of June.

- Application for Federal/State Grant Funding Submitted.

- Operation of Night Owl Reserve-AMAX service, 7pm-12am (PENDING)

- Faith-In-Motion / Bus Shelter Sponsorships.

Richard has been working with MAX and with Faith in Motion to iron out the technical and legal details associated with having a bus shelter sponsorship/donation program. Thanks, Richard!

- Accessible Paths to Bus Stops. Locations to note: **None yet determined.**
- Grant Awarded - \$10,000 - for Purchase of 2-to-3 Bus Shelters.
 - Pine Creek Apartments has requested bus stop shelter, possibly relocating unused shelter from 8th & Waverly.

6/6/2008 - Pine Creeks Apartments has decided on their own to abandon locating a bus stop shelter at their premises.

- Drivers will also be asked to help identify possible locations for bus shelters:
 - Possible locations (w/ adjacent sidewalk):
 1. Lakewood Family Medicine.
 2. Holland East Middle School.
- Limited English Proficiency Plan (LEP) 2008

A plan is currently being written by MAX and should go into effect by the end of the summer, 2008.

- Conclusion of Meeting.
- Next meeting, Tuesday, August 5th, 2008, 4pm.

