

Local Advisory Council

Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, February 4th, 2009, 4:00pm

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

Members Present: x Elizabeth Ferry Lyle Sanders
 x Ron Martin x Gert Vos
 Richard Lichti x Tony Harmer

Meeting Agenda:

- Open discussion/Immediate issues.

Four Arboc low-floor buses are planned to be purchased in 2009, to replace four 1999 Bluebird models.

Two new members are planning to join LAC, Eric Heiberg & Lisa Scherer.

Members asked about moving the Inbound Walmart bus stop from its present location along N. Park Dr. south of the main building to a location at/near the Sam's Club/Walmart "intersection." Being referred to the MAX operations committee.

Members asked that if the bus stop sign near the former Mercury dealer downtown was still an active stop, or if it should be taken down. Also being referred to the MAX Operations Committee.

- Final 2008 Ridership Counts (Handout).
- Blueprint for Action: Preparing for Aging in Holland.

MAX participating in study sessions. Final report is due Spring 2009.

- Review of FY 2010 MDOT Grant Application.
- Approval of Vehicle Accessibility Plan for FY 2010: _____

Plan was approved by Tony Harmer, LAC Chair.

- MAX board to consider increase: ¼ mi. to ½ mi. for full fare & student riders.

The MAX board approved increase to ½ during its January meeting, effective April 6, 2009.

- Zeeland MAX service: ROUTE 8 – ZEELAND.
 - "Deviated" fixed route service set to begin April 6th, 2009.
 - Map/Times (Handout).
 - Service limit for non-ADA, non-Senior riders.
- Route changes/brochure updates for 2009.

- More notable changes effective April 6th, 2009:
 - RTE 1: Service to FIA/James St., service to Clover Ave.
 - RTE 2: Riley/132nd Ave./James St. block added.
 - RTE 3: Graafschap/32nd St./Myrtle block added.
 - RTE 4: Service to Meijer (Riley St.) added.
 - RTE 5: Airport loop removed, CBI/F.V./parking garage added.
 - RTE 6: Service added to Women's Mission, Hope Fieldhouse.
 - RTE 7: Service added to Hope College, added to Meijer (16th St.).
- Conclusion of Meeting.
- Next meeting, Tuesday, April 7th, 2009, 4:00pm.