

ELDERLY AND DISABLED TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EDTAC)

Committee Meeting Minutes
Via Teams & Teleconference
Wednesday, May 8, 2024
1:00 - 3:00 pm

The Elderly and Disable Transit Advisory Committee (EDTAC) met Wednesday, May 8, 2023, at 1:00 pm via Teams and Teleconference.

In attendance:

EDTAC Members:

Blake Roberts, Chair
Laura Waterland
James Shiber

Guest:

Emily Van Vlack

Members Absent:

Catrina Gosine
Kathleen McCool

DTC Representatives:

Lynette Shannon, Reservation Supervisor
Margaret Webb, Paratransit Director
Lori Yeager, Paratransit Support Manager
Tremica Cherry-Wall, Planner
Paul Kulesza, Fixed Route Director
Shannon Lugo, Civil Rights Specialist
Lorachel Baldwin, Civil Rights Specialist
Albert Loyola, Deputy Chief Customer Experience Officer

Call to Order

Blake Roberts, Chair called meeting to order. November 8, 2023, and January 10, 2024 meeting minutes were approved by the committee.

Round Table Introductions

Introductions by committee members and DTC's staff.

Paratransit On-Time Performance:

Margaret Webb, Paratransit Director Paratransit (Data sent via email)

January 2024: Statewide trip count 66,096

NCC: 35,725 - 71% on-time

KC: 14,551 - 88% on-time

SC: 15,820 - 87% on-time

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February 2024: Statewide trip count 69,533

NCC: 38,327- 68% on-time

KC: 15,186 - 82% on-time

SC: 16,020 - 84% on-time

March 2024: Statewide trip count 71,342

NCC: 39,626 - 67% on-time

KC: 15,340 - 77% on-time

SC: 16,376 - 80% on time

April 2024: Statewide trip count 73,927

NCC: 41,322 - 61% on-time

KC: 15,447 - 78% on-time

SC: 17,158 - 82% on-time

NOTE: KC is fully staffed; SC is almost fully staffed.

Fixed Route On Time Performance:

Paul Kulesza, Fixed Route Director

New Castle County Fixed Route

March: 68%

April: 67%

Kent County Fixed Route

March: 80%

April: 79%

Sussex County Fixed Route

March: 67%

April: 66%

Updates from DTC:

Route 5 -

The routing between Casino at Delaware Park and Christiana Mall will be altered *to serve* Christiana Hospital in both directions. The alignment between Christiana Hospital and Christina Mall will stay with the present routing along DE 4 and DE 7.

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Route 9 -

Sunday service will be introduced, operating eight round trips between 6:47 AM and 8:10 PM.

Route 10 -

The route from Newark will enter Wilmington via I-95 and Martin Luther King Blvd instead of I-495 and Walnut Street. The routing to Newark will remain the same.

Route 15 -

New service will be provided to the Hope Center only on Christiana Mall-bound trips, from 7 to 10 AM and from 4 to 7 PM, operating daily.

Route 37 -

The route will be discontinued on weekdays only due to low ridership. Saturday's service will be continued by operating two round trips between Wilmington and Amazon in Middletown.

Route 44 -

Service will be discontinued in St. Georges due to low ridership, instead travelling on Wrangle Hill Road between Delaware City and Wrangle Hill Park & Ride. Saturday service will be discontinued.

Route 5, 10, 33, 62 -

Due to scheduled Amtrak trackwork from May 19 to August 9, 2024, SEPTA's Regional Rail Wilmington/Newark Line will not stop at Fairplay Station (Northbound and Southbound). All other SEPTA stops in Delaware will continue to operate.

Sussex Connector –

Paratransit has added a connector in Sussex County at Harrington Casino and Raceway (Gate 3).

Open Forum

An inquiry was made about DTC's efforts to recruit members for EDTAC. DTC informed the committee that EDTAC is advertised on its website and that flyers are being included in eligibility packets.

Adjourn

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