



## **Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes**

**March 13, 2019**

**Location: OPC Board Room, Camden, NJ**

### **Attendance:**

**New Jersey:** Mike Devlin, Daniel B. Norfleet, Martin King, Pamela Mack-Brooks, Reggie Haynes, Bruce Schwartz, Judy Boldurian, Stephen Benigno, John Boyle, Matt Zapsen, Alan Becker

**Pennsylvania:** Tom Jordan, Daniel McArdle, Larry Davis, Ben Sarullo

**Emeritus Member(s)**

**Potential Member(s):** Strasso Jovanovski, Kristen Ricchiuti, Tyrone Wesley

**DRPA/PATCO:** John Rink, Dave Aubrey, Joe Adams, Barbara Wagner

**Public Member(s):**

**Others:** Natalie Wesley

### **Call to Order**

### **Adoption of Minutes from November Meeting**

Minutes of the February meeting were approved.

### **PATCO**

- Car refurbishment: The last married pair were delivered and ready to be put in place for service. John Rink is working with Mike Williams to schedule a PR event at the Lindenwold Station prior to putting the last 2 new cars in service.
- To date, 8,073 people have signed up for DRPA/PATCO text alerts. Total alerts issued to date were 54, 34 issued by the DRPA and 20 issued by PATCO.

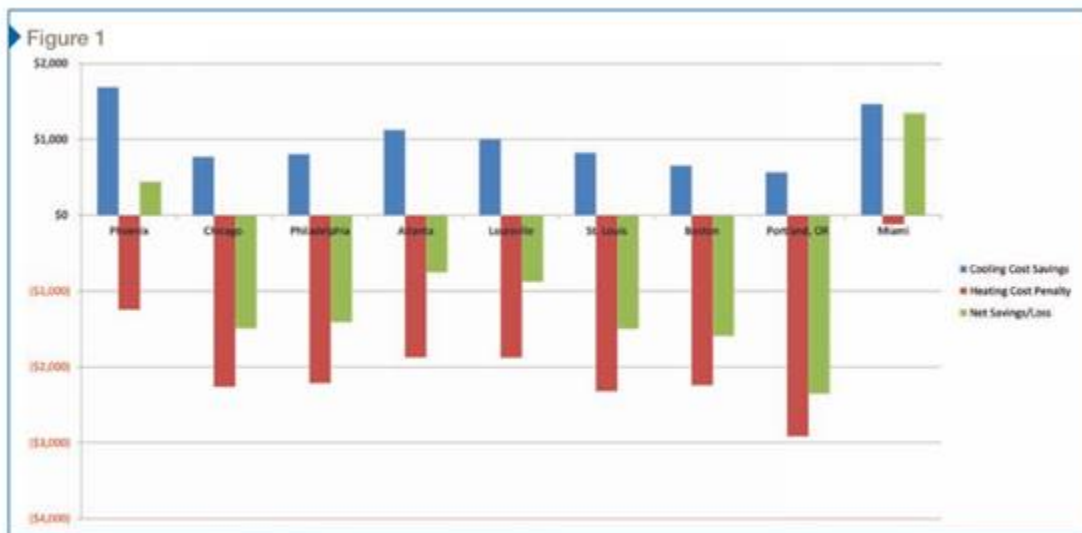
<b>LIST:</b>	<b>SUBSCRIBERS:</b>
PATCO	4,543

PATCONIGHT	715
PATCOWEEKEND	546
PATCOSTATION	1,025
DRPA	462
BFBWALKWAY	81
DRPAPATCO	701

- PATCO will continue its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on March 26, 2019 at the Westmont Station from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. when train passengers are coming home. PATCO is working with local businesses in town to engage in the celebration. There will be a Spinning Wheel for prizes and a DJ at the station. John Rick is working with Mike Williams to schedule a PR event at the Collingswood Station in April to celebrate PATCO's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in conjunction with the opening of the new elevators.
- The trains involved in the Conrail incident have been shipped to Alstom's Hornell plant to be repaired.
- The Paving Project will start at the Woodcrest Station on March 21, 2019.
- The installation of solar panels will take place at the Commodore Barry Bridge, Betsy Ross Bridge, One Port Center, Lindenwold Yard, Lindenwold Station, Woodcrest Station, Ashland Station and Ferry Avenue. Solar canopies will be installed over parking lots. Borings to mount the solar canopies will take place at each location. Notices will go out to alert passengers at each station when work is taking place.
- Matt Zapsen – Suggested better signage to determine which track is Track 1 and Track 2 for arrival and/or departure of trains at the stations; painting the roof white at the Ferry Avenue Station to save on costs of air conditioning; no idling signs at stations and signs at the Broadway platform for connecting to NJ Transit.
- FOLLOW-UP TO PAINTING THE STATION ROOFS WHITE – HDR Engineering reports that it is more cost effective to have black roofs in the northern part of the country and white roofs in the southern part of the country. Switching to a white roof in this area would slightly lower the cooling costs in the summer, but greatly increase the heating costs in the winter. This would result in an overall higher energy cost throughout the year. See below chart.



Figure 1: Heating vs. Cooling climate zones (\*Image courtesy of Carlisle)



Energy savings in U.S. cities due to white reflective roofing material.

Figure 2: (\*Image courtesy of Construction Specifier, Nov 2013)

- Discussion was had regarding parking issues for buses at the Collingswood Stations. Buses are parking in the pathway of riders. John Rink followed up with DRPA police and reports that police met with the driver on March 18, 2019 to inform him of complaint. The bus driver indicated that he will stop for passenger pick-up and drop-off further away from the station.
- Larry Davis – PATCO Watchers also discussed illegal car parking at the PATCO stations. John Rink advised that the DRPA police have been ticketing violators.
- FOLLOW-UP TO TRAIN STATION PARKING LOTS – A survey was taken of the New Jersey Parking Lots. There are idling signs present at all of the parking lots. The quantity of signs and location at each stations are as follows:

LOCATION	QUANTITY	TOTAL
LINDENWOLD	2	2
ASHLAND	1	1
WOODCREST	3	3
HADDONFIELD (N & S)	1+1	2
WESTMONT	2	2
COLLINGSWOOD (N & S)	2+1	3
FERRY AVENUE	2	2

- Cell coverage infrastructure for the trains is close to being fully installed at all the stations including Franklin Square. PATCO is in the process of subleasing to carriers: AT&T, T-Mobile, Verizon. Hope to have service towards the end of 2019.
- FOLLOW-UP TO FREEDOM CARD INTEGRATION WITH NJ TRANSIT – John Rink reviewed this issue with Director of Fare Collection. NJ Transit’s infrastructure/fare media is all paper in South Jersey and do not have contactless card readers. As such, there is no way for PATCO to integrate at this time, similar to SEPTA. NJ Transit only has a few places in the northern portion of the state with contactless card readers. They can be found on some bus lines that go into New York City, Newark airport and Secaucus station. NJ Transit would need to invest a new fare collection system in order for any type of integration with PATCO to occur.
- Train Fare for Seniors – PATCO does not sell individual senior citizen discount tickets. We have a Reduced Fare Program
- Walter Rand Station - DRPA/PATCO is responsible for everything inside our portion of the building at Walter Rand and West Headhouse. The City of Camden owns everything outside the building, except the first 5 feet of sidewalk adjacent to the building. DRPA police continuously patrol the station/area.
- Ben Franklin Bridge - The Wilson Building was recently torn down at the Ben Franklin Bridge.
- Tours of the Ben Franklin Bridge’s Anchorage will be scheduled during the spring/summer months. Tours of Franklin Square will follow.

## **Engineering**

- I-76 Corridor: Kristin Ricchiuti – Are there plans for upgrades/improvements to the grass at 19<sup>th</sup> Street south of Rt. 76? Answer: There are no budgeted plans to upgrade any fencing or landscaping in that area. The only work planned is to replace any damaged existing fencing and the new fencing will be chain link. DRPA only uses chain link fencing for property at the Walt Whitman Bridge. Follow-up question: Is chain link fencing used for all Walt Whitman Bridge property, or just around the bridge, itself. Answer: The fencing is for all Walt Whitman Bridge property fencing as stated previously.

Are there plans for a mural in the pedestrian underpass with the Corridor project? There are no plans to add a mural to any of the pedestrian tunnels at the Walt Whitman Bridge. Current plans include repairs to the existing tunnel ceiling, walls and floor, cleaning and anti-graffiti painting of the tunnel and lighting upgrades. Follow-up question: What is the budget for maintenance/repair of this tunnel? Answer: This question was not answered during the meeting. Joe Adams has been told by Bridget that we will not be releasing that information as it is not something the DRPA conventionally does for their projects.

- Benjamin Franklin Bridge Walkway: The ramp is close to being done and on target for completion in April. Ornamental railings are in the process of being molded. The ribbon cutting is being scheduled in coordination with the Circuit Coalition.
- Benjamin Franklin Bridge Lighting – The project has been budgeted, the contract is in place and DRPA is in possession of the design plans. The DRPA wants to make sure the design plans for lighting does not interfere with train operators, train signals and glare.
- Franklin Square – Environmental inspections took place with nothing major found other than lead paint and asbestos. The design phase will be complete this year. Construction will begin in 2021 with a final completion date in 2022.

## **Inspector General**

- The Inspector General, Dave Aubrey, provided the CAC with a briefing of OIG activities that had occurred since his last meeting in March 2018, and entertained subsequent questions from the CAC Committee.

## **OPEN Forum:**

- Role of Officers: The vote for Officers will occur on April 10, 2019.

## **Committees**

- A. Finance. Nothing to report.
- B. Communications - Nothing to report.
- C. Persons with Disabilities. Nothing to report.
- D. Recruitment – Kristen Ricchiuti, Tyrone Wesley and Strasso Jovanovski have been approved as members by the Audit Committee. Formal approval will take place at the Board Meeting scheduled on April 17, 2019.
- E. Personnel. Nothing to Report
- F. Operations/Engineering. See above.
- G. Old Business/New Business – Nothing to report.

**Next CAC Meeting:** Will be held at One Port Center on April 10, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

**Next DRPA Board Meeting:** Will be held at One Port Center on April 17, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m.