



## **Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes**

**July 10, 2019**

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

### **Attendance:**

**New Jersey:** Pamela Mack-Brooks, Mike Devlin, Stephen Benigno, Alan Becker, Marty King, Bruce Schwartz

**Pennsylvania:** Judy Boldurian, Bob Melikian (ph.), Larry Davis (ph.), Tom Jordan, Daniel Norflect, Matt Zapsen, Tyrone Wesley (ph.)

**Emeritus Member(s)**

**Potential Member(s):** Strasso Jovanovski

**DRPA/PATCO:** John Rink, Jonathon Sparacio, Barbara Wagner

**Public Member(s):**

### **Call to Order**

A Motion was made not to adopt the June 12, 2019 CAC Minutes as the minutes did not include the CAC Attendees on that date. Barbara Wagner advised that the minutes were revised to include attendees. Judy Boldurian will e-mail revised minutes to all members.

### **Update by John Rink, General Manager/PATCO:**

- On July 23, 2019, PATCO continues to celebrate 50 years of service with customer appreciation events at the Haddonfield Station.
- The Rail Grinding Project started with hopes to be finished by August.
- The new PATCO schedule will be effective this Saturday, July 13, 2019. The new schedule will be as follows:

### **WEEKDAY SERVICE:**

**Owl Service (12:00 A.M. – 5:00 A.M.)** No changes.

**Early AM Service (5:00 A.M. – 7:00 A.M.)**

- Lindenwold Yard construction associated with increased service between 5am-7am has been completed. Service returned to normal during this time (reduced compared to current schedule)

**Westbound**

Every 15-minutes from 5:00 A.M. – 5:45 A.M

Currently every 10-minutes

Every 10-12 minutes from 5:45 A.M. – 7:00 A.M.

Currently every 8-9 minutes

**Eastbound**

Every 10-15 minutes from 5:32 A.M. – 7:21 A.M.

Currently every 8-10 minutes

**Rush hour (7:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.)**

**Westbound**

No changes

**Eastbound**

8:34 A.M. out of 16<sup>th</sup> & Locust will now depart at 8:32 A.M.

8:42 A.M. out of 16<sup>th</sup> & Locust has been added

**Day Base (9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.)**

**Westbound**

Identical compared to current schedule until 10:00 A.M.

Every 12-minutes from 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

**Eastbound**

Normal compared to current schedule until 10:32 A.M.

Every 12-minutes from 10:32 A.M. – 3:20 P.M.

**PM Rush Hour & Evening Base Service (3:00 P.M. – 11:59 P.M.)**

No changes

**WEEKEND SERVICE:**

**Saturday**

All departures after 6:30 A.M. westbound and 7:05 A.M. eastbound have been modified to depart 5-minutes later in order to allow for more time to interchange between NJ Transit River Line at Broadway Station

**Sunday**

No changes

- On Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, the Owl Task Force met to discuss and review all the recommendations and input made by the CAC members and the Public. The new Owl Schedule will not be put into effect until October or November of this year.
- As a result of the June 20, 2019 storm, the escalator at the Ashland Station sustained significant water damage to the wire casings. Repairs have been made and the escalator is up and running.
- Question from Larry/PATCO Watchers: What was the issue with the train on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>? An inspection of the train revealed the HVAC had a blown condenser pipe. The condenser pipe released Freon, an HVAC refrigerant leak, causing white smoke to appear from the condenser.
- Concerns were raised about the overgrown weeds at Broadway West. PATCO is not responsible for the vegetation in that area, but will contact Camden City and/or New Jersey Transit. The City of Camden owns everything outside the building, except the first 5' of sidewalk adjacent to the building. The chain-link fencing is temporary.  
UPDATE: John Rink had some of the areas at Broadway West cleaned up last Friday (see attached photographs). PATCO is not responsible for these specific areas, but we are looking into who is. We are also working with the City to get the other areas at Broadway West cleaned-up.
- John Boyle discussed the ribbon cutting event at the Ben Franklin Bridge Bike-Ramp as an amazing experience. He discussed the installation of RIDEPOD at the Bike-Ramp to measure the amount of bike crossings each day at a cost of \$1-5K. Five volunteers recently worked 2 hour shifts in May and on July 10<sup>th</sup> physically counting the bicyclists using the bike-ramp. John Rink agreed to look into the use of RIDEPOD.

**Update by Jonathan Sparacio/Engineering/DRPA:**

- Paving Project: The Woodcrest Station should be completed by the end of July. They are currently working on the final phase. The Collingswood Station is completed and open. Haddonfield should be complete by the end of the year. Ashland has an anticipated completion date of Spring of 2020.
- Elevators: The elevator in Collingwood is complete. The elevator in Haddonfield should be completed by October/November 2019.

### **Other Matters Discussed:**

- Bob Melikien discussed updating the DRPA's website, specifically, CAC's webpage to update members of the CAC Board. In addition, it was agreed to include a memorial for deceased members who served on the Board. Judy Boldurian will prepare a list of all members, past and present, for the update. The CAC's Googlelist also requires an update to include all active members. John Rink spoke to Mike Williams and it was agreed to update CAC's webpage.
- A Citizen Advisory Committee End of Year Annual Summary of its accomplishments was discussed. The committee agreed it should prepare a written application and present it to the Board before going forward with the idea.
- CAC business cards were discussed for use as a recruiting tool. All recruiting messages presently go to Bob Melikien.
- Judy Boldurian to follow-up with Dan McArdle to start-up committees for Finance, Communications, Persons with Disabilities, Recruitment and Personnel.

Meeting Adjourned.

### **Committees**

- A. Finance. Nothing to report.
- B. Communications - Nothing to report.
- C. Persons with Disabilities. Nothing to report.
- D. Recruitment – Nothing to report.
- 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 OPC on September 11, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

**Next DRPA Board Meeting:** Will be held at OPC on September 18, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m.