



Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes

October 8, 2025

Location: via TEAMS

Attendance:

New Jersey: Reggie Haynes, Judy Boldurian, Grace Kimbaris, Scott Pileckas, Alan Becker

Pennsylvania: Scott Cohen, Robert Melikian

Emeritus Member(s): Larry Davis, Tyrone Wesley, Ben Saracco

DRPA/PATCO: John Rink, GM; Jerry Sahi, CFO; Cheryl Ansert, Administrative Coordinator; Nicole Ochroch, PM; John Hanson, CEO

Potential Members: Lupe Diaz, Dan Coyle, Josph Byham, Matthew Schwarz

Call to Order: Approval of September 10, 2025 meeting minutes.

Finance

CFO Sahi

DRPA Preliminary Traffic

- September 2025 YTD traffic reached 36.4M, exceeding 2024 by 74k.
- The increase was primarily driven by strong traffic performance in third quarter of 2025, which saw an uplift of 196k or 1.5% versus 2024.
- This strong third quarter performance effectively offset the 135k of traffic boost that 2024 had due to leap year.
- For the month of September, traffic was approximately 103k or 2.6% higher than prior year.

DRPA Final Revenue & Traffic

- Final July YTD revenue was \$227.3M.
- Around \$9.7, or 4.5% favorable to budget, higher traffic volume is driving this favorability.
- Versus 2024, revenue was favorable by around \$39.5M, primarily driven by toll increase implemented as of September 1, 2024.
- Average toll of \$7.76 is higher than budget by 1.1%, steady increase in traffic of commercial vehicles is driving this uptick.
- Final July YTD traffic was 29.3M. Around 940k, or 3.3% higher than budget, Commercial vehicles were 8.4% and passenger vehicles were 2.9% higher than budget, versus prior year traffic was 70k or 0.2% favorable.

PATCO Ridership & Revenue

- July YTD revenue was \$8.3M, \$120k or 1.5% higher than 2025 budget, versus 2024 revenue was favorable by \$600k or 7.8%.
- July YTD ridership was 3.4M. 20k less than 2025 budget. 160k higher than 2024.



Preliminary Operating Expense

- Preliminary July YTD Operating expenses were \$106.4M, \$10.3M favorable to budget.
- This favorable variance is primarily driven by \$8.0M of savings from employee related costs, currently we have around 117 open positions out of 954 total budgeted positions. The majority of the \$2.3M savings on operating expenses is timing related.
- Total DRPA operating expenses are \$69.8M, 7.6% favorable to budget.
- Total PATCO operating expenses are \$36.5M, 11.2% favorable to budget.

General DRPA

Status of DRPA Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) recruitment efforts.

CEO Hanson

- We are continuing to post on social media, but have not gotten a tremendous response.

Process and rationale for the appointment of Garrett Snider to the Board.

CEO Hanson

- The six Pennsylvania Commissioners are a direct appointment of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Garrett Snider is one of those six.

Bridge and Highway

Which entity (DRPA or PennDOT) is responsible for the maintenance of the access roads to and from the CBB, particularly northbound onto I-95? What is the plan for the necessary repair and resurfacing?

PM Ochroch

- See response from last month and associated photos
- “We are talking about the roads between 95 and Business 13/ 9th Street on the Chester side and beyond Route 130 on the New Jersey, Logan Township side? That property belongs to PennDOT and NJ DOT.
- We have received a lot of complaints that we pass along to the agencies.
- We also had them come out to look over the condition of the roadways, but we cannot address their property.”
- Mike spoke with PennDOT District 6 within the last month about this
- See attached photos that show property lines.

General update on all major bridge repair projects.

PM Ochroch

BRB Paint

- 55% complete
- Contractor and subs continue to blast and paint mid span of the bridge (both above and below the road) and the steel barriers between traffic and the maintenance walkway.
- Steel connection repairs are occurring at mid span of the bridge (both above and below the road)
- Concrete spall and crack repairs of the piers are on going

Traffic impacts

- October 13th to 17th there will be multiple traffic slowdowns (15 min durations) between 10AM and 2PM, so contractor can lift work platforms over the roadway
- There will only be one lane in each direction from 8PM to 5AM for one week, so contractor can install and remove the worker's platform over the roadway. The exact date is TBD, but it will occur in the next few weeks. The closures will start at 8PM on Monday and will be completed by 5AM on Sunday.

CBB Weld

- Contractor completed their work

CBB Phase 3 Painting

- Contractor continues to perform spall and crack repairs to the PA approach piers.
- Underdeck work platform has been installed.
- Contractor will begin work in Lane 1 on October 13 for steel repairs, handrailing work, and deck repairs.
- Work in Lane 1 is expected to continue through March.
- Contractor is working with bonding company to replace painting subcontractor

PATCO

Lindenwold Station: Address the issue of consistently unlit parking lot lights and the need for increases police monitoring in the Lindenwold parking lot.

GM Rink

- This was brought up at last month's meeting. We went out there and found a problem which has since been repaired. All the under-canopy lights are now working.
- There are several lights on the edge of the canopy that shine towards the street that are out and the solar vendor is supposed to come out to investigate this.

GTFS Update: Provide an update on the public availability of GTFS data, specifically regarding special service schedules, real-time train locations, and prediction information online.

CEO Hanson

- Our manager in transit services has been trained in it and it appears we are going to be able to handle trackwork schedules on GTFS internally.
- Realtime GTFS is something that realistically will not get a lot of attention until next year.

GM Rink

- We will be able to upload any of our schedules in-house directly to GTFS. We can convert it and it will show on Google, so this will eliminate the vendor that we've been using.

SEPTA Service Impact: Did the short-lived SEPTA service reduction affect PATCO's operations, ridership, and revenue?

CEO Hanson

- No.



Safety Concerns: Given the public reports of certain SEPTA rail cars catching fire, is this a safety concern that PATCO should investigate regarding its own fleet?

GM Rink

- No, SEPTA's regional rail cars run on a Catenary Airy System, which is completely different than what we have.
- When we performed a renovation to the Alstom fleet our propulsion systems were upgraded to a micro-based processor, which includes multiple safety systems. If a failure occurs, it cuts power and disconnects the power from the system.
- We have safety designs in place that remove power when a fault is detected.

Questions from Social Media

Old Business

New Business

Next CAC Meeting: In-Person at OPC November 12, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

Next DRPA Board Meeting: DRPA Board Meeting on October 22, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m.

Photos from Bridge and Highway



Rt. 322 Eastbound



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