



Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes

January 14, 2026

Location: Teams

Attendance:

New Jersey: Reggie Haynes, Stephen Benigno, Judy Boldurian, Dan Coyle, Scott Pileckas

Pennsylvania:

Emeritus Member(s): Alan Becker, Robert Melikian, John Boyle

DRPA/PATCO: John Rink, GM; Jerry Sahi, CFO; Cheryl Ansert, Administrative Coordinator; Lis Klawunn, CMM; Robert Finnegan, CSSO; John Hanson, CEO;

Potential Members: Lupe Diaz, Joseph Byham, Matthew Schwarz

Call to Order: Approval of November 12, 2025 meeting minutes.

Finance

CFO Sahi

DRPA Preliminary Traffic

- December 2025 YTD traffic reached 48.3M, exceeding 2024 by 167k vehicles.
- The increase was primarily driven by continued strong traffic performance since July of this year. Over the past four months traffic has exceeded the same period in 2024 by 289 thousand vehicles.
- This strong performance effectively offset the 135k traffic boost that 2024 had due to leap year.
- For the month of October, traffic was approximately 11k or .3% lower than prior year. Primarily by one additional bad-weather day, which negatively impacted traffic in 2025 by 45.8k.

DRPA Final Revenue & Traffic

- Final October YTD revenue was \$330.91M.
- Around \$14.9M, or 4.7% favorable to budget, higher traffic volume is driving this favorability.
- Versus 2024, revenue was favorable by around \$46.9M, primarily driven by toll increase implemented as of September 1, 2024.
- October YTD traffic was 42.760M.
- Around 1.7M, or 4.1% higher than budget, commercial vehicles were 8.4% and passenger vehicles were 3.8% higher than budget.
- Versus prior year traffic was 320k, or .8% favorable.

PATCO Ridership & Revenue

- October YTD revenue was \$11.8M, \$38k or 0.3% higher than 2025 budget, versus 2024 revenue was favorable by \$680k or 6.1%.
- October YTD ridership was 4.9M. 43k, or -0.9% less than 2025 budget. 202k, or 4.3% higher than 2024.



Preliminary Operating Expense

- Preliminary October YTD Operating expenses were \$152.1M, which is ~ \$15.5M favorable to budget.
- This favorable variance is primarily driven by \$12.8M of savings from employee related costs, currently we have around 117 open positions out of 954 total budgeted positions. The majority of the \$2.7M savings in operating expenses is timing related.
- Total DRPA operating expenses are \$99.6M, 8.9% favorable to budget.
- Total PATCO operating expenses are \$53.0M, 9.9% favorable to budget.

General DRPA

ICE Operations: Does DRPA Police policy allow for cooperation /assistance with ICE operations at stations or property?

CEO Hanson

- We are not aware of ICE being on our property and they have not asked us for any cooperation.

NJ Transit Partnership: Does the leadership change at NJ Transit create new opportunities for bus line expansion in Lindenwold?

CEO Hanson

- We are not directly involved in anything to do with NJ Transit bus routes.

Special Events: Proposal to add a “Halloween Train” to the seasonal schedule.

CEO Hanson

- That’s probably not something that we are interested in doing.
- We do not prefer to have people utilizing the trains with masks, it makes it tough for identification.

Bridge and Highway

Ben Franklin Bridge: Can the area under the bridge (currently leased for parking) be utilized for a Farmer’s Market?

CEO Hanson

- We transferred our rights to use the lot to someone else.
- We are extremely careful about what we allow to go on underneath the bridges because of the potential for terrorism.

PATCO

Station Operations: Will overnight station closures become permanent?

CEO Hanson

- We are in the process of extending the original 6 months to 1 year.
- It’s likely we will be looking to extend it, but its uncertain at this time.



Franklin Square: Will remote sensors be installed on the Head House doors?

GM Rink

- We do not plan to have any installed on the head house doors.
- The current doors are ADA accessible, without the remote sensors.

Updates: GCL

CMM Klawunn

- We are currently in negotiations with Conrail in the design phase.
- The Mantua bridge replacement project is currently in procurement.

GTFS Data Integration

GM Rink

- Google Maps, Apple maps all the transit maps are functioning properly with our current schedule.
- We have been uploading and entering all of our different schedules.

Questions from Social Media

Old Business

New Business

Straso became Emeritus status in December 2025

Dan Coyle is now an Active member

Lupe & John have interviews scheduled for January 22nd.

Next CAC Meeting: Teams February 11, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

Next DRPA Board Meeting: February 18, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m. (January 21, 2026 meeting was cancelled)