

LCTA Public Transit Ridership Forum Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the September 21, 2022 Public Transit Ridership Forum Meeting held at 3:00 PM at the LCTA HQ in Kingston, PA and online via GoToMeeting.

Present: Joe Roselle (LCTA), Robert Fiume (LCTA ED), Charles Sciandra (LCTA Board Chairman), Frank Knorek (LCTA), Gretchen Wintermantel (LCTA), Kathy Bednarek (LCTA), Denise Stalica (public/AAA), Jonathan Shaw (public/Luzerne County Planning).

- The LCTA Official welcomed those in attendance and thanked them for getting involved, provided an overview of the meeting, and stated, that today's meeting would center on updated progress of what is happening at LCTA.
- The LCTA ED stated: We are going to be moving forward with our transit development plan and route analysis to improve the system, and add and remove service where demand is present. We will be implementing a new automated fare collection system, and we are increasing service to Hanover 9 and the industrial parks in Nanticoke.
- A LCTA Official stated: We will be celebrating LCTA's 50th anniversary in October, and will be holding some promotional events throughout the remainder of 2022.
- A member of the public asked: I represent the Mature Worker Program at Luzerne County AAA, what is the age a senior can ride for free, and are there any programs to provide free bus fares to those in our program who maybe are just getting started back to work? Also, I am here to find out more information on the transit system, and which routes service specific employers, whom we partner with.

A LCTA Official stated: The Senior Free Fare program starts at age 65. We would ask that they apply for the program here at our offices, so an ID card can be issued. Also, LCTA has provided passes to local social service agencies in the past, but we can have a meeting to discuss the guidelines for continuation of such a program. Please do contact me to set up the meeting, and for more information on the routes.

- The LCTA Officials thanked those in attendance. We always welcome public feedback. The next LCTA Public Transit Ridership Forum meeting will be held at a time and location to be determined, and will be advertised to the public in advance.