



CHATHAM URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION (ACAT) MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, June 16, 2004
Williams Court Apartments

2:00 P.M.
1900 Lincoln Street

Members Present:

Berlon, John Paul
Bush, Ann
Garvin, DaShawna
Hakim, T.
Heagarty, Patricia
Jarrett, McArthur
Lamar, Tom
Lewis, Jack
Selman, Debra
Wang, Wykoda

Representing:

Interested Citizen
Laidlaw/Teleride
Housing Authority of Savannah
Chatham Area Transit
Interested Citizen
National Federation of the Blind
Chair
Interested Citizen
Interested Citizen
MPC

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912/651-1477 FOR A COPY OF THE TAPE.**

I. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Lamar called the June 16, 2004 ACAT meeting to order. Those present were asked to introduce themselves and state the agency they represent. Hearing no comments, the agenda was approved as presented.

II. Action Items:

A. Approval of Minutes – April 14, 2004

Mr. Lamar identified a name that had been misspelled in the minutes.

Mr. Lewis moved to accept the minutes subject to the correction that was identified. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion.

ACAT Action: The motion carried with none opposed. The motion was to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2004 ACAT meeting subject to the correction that was identified.

B. Confirmation of Teleride Handbook Update Decision (listen to tape of November 2003 meeting)

Ms. Wang proposed to move this item to the end of the meeting. She brought a tape from the November meeting.

Further action on this item appears on Page 5 and Page 7.

III. Status Reports

A. CUTS 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan Development Process

Ms. Wang stated that a staff report on this item was included in the pre-meeting mailing. Additional material on the Public Involvement Process was distributed at the meeting. This information included an outline of public meetings that were held in March and April of 2004 and a summary of comments received so far. It is anticipated that the LRTP would be finalized in July and presented to the CUTS Committees in August.

Mr. Jarrett asked if there was a deadline for comments to be received.

Ms. Wang replied that a deadline of September 6, 2004 has been set. Staff has been reviewing comments and compiling them in a database.

B. CUTS FY 2005-2007 TIP Development Process

Ms. Wang stated that updated information was distributed at the meeting. Staff sent a draft document to public review agencies for public review and comments in May. Additional information has been obtained since then. A second draft would be available in August. The comment period on the second draft would run from August 8, 2004 to September 6, 2004.

Ms. Wang added that staff is researching other locations where information about the new plans could be presented. Those with suggestions are asked to e-mail Ms. Wang, or telephone her with their ideas.

C. Intermodal Connector Addition to the National Highway System (NHS)

Ms. Wang stated that this item was presented to the ACAT Committee at the previous meeting. All of the CUTS committees have endorsed this addition. When the resolution from ACAT was presented to the committees, it was agreed that since the subject roadway is in an industrial area, sidewalks would not be recommended.

D. Connecting Savannah

Ms. Wang introduced the roadway project, which is intended to address the east-west traffic problem. Final consultant interviews are taking place today. As soon as a consultant has been selected, the notice to proceed would be issued.

Ms. Wang added that an important part of this study would be citizen involvement early in the process.

IV. Informational Reports

A. Laidlaw/Teleride

Ms. Bush reviewed the ridership statistics for April and May of 2004. The Teleride Complaint Log was distributed. Any comments on this log should be addressed to Mr. Jackson, who would be in the office next week.

Ms. Bush added that three new drivers have been hired since the last ACAT meeting. To her knowledge, all of the headers on the doors have been repaired or new headers have been installed. If this is not so, please notify either herself or Mr. Jackson.

Mr. Berlon asked if there was an incentive for drivers to report problems with vehicles.

Ms. Bush replied that an incentive system is not in place although this might be a good idea. However, each driver should know that safety is the Number 1 priority.

B. Teleride Handbook Update

Ms. Wang stated that there were several unresolved issues on the Handbook. A tape from the November 2003 ACAT meeting is available.

Mr. Jarrett stated that everyone had agreed on the matter. The committee needs to move on with the issue and get the handbook out to the consumers.

Ms. Wang requested confirmation of the decisions that have been made. Staff reviewed the tape of the November 2003 meeting. No motion was made at that meeting. Therefore, the item was placed on the agenda for this meeting in order to take a formal action on the revisions to the Handbook.

Mr. Lamar stated that this item would be discussed at the end of the meeting.

C. Chatham Area Transit

Mr. Hakim distributed an update on the project to install 100 bus shelters by the end of June. Presently 75 shelters have been installed. CAT is in the process of pouring more slabs. It is anticipated that by the end of June approximately 90 shelters out of 100 should be installed. Delays are due to weather and the permitting process through GDOT.

Following a discussion about accessible shelters, Mr. Hakim stated that he would document the locations that have existing shelters and those locations that are probably going to have shelters that may not have sidewalks that would allow it to be accessible. This information would be shared with Billy Jones, Facilities Maintenance Director for the City of Savannah.

Mr. Berlon stated that it might be beneficial to appoint an ad hoc committee to review the conditions under which approval was given for the CAT bus shelters. Review the minutes to determine the language at which approval was given and to see what could be done to invite the key players to the next meeting or to a separate meeting.

Mr. Lamar appointed Mr. Berlon, Mr. Lamar, Ms. Selman, Ms. Heagarty and Mr. Hakim.

Mr. Berlon moved to create an ad hoc committee with regards to the accessibility of the shelters. The committee is to consist of the previously identified individuals and would expire upon the next meeting. Dr. Lewis seconded the motion.

ACAT Action: The motion carried with none opposed. The motion was to create an ad hoc committee with regards to the accessibility of the shelters. The committee is to consist of the previously identified individuals and to expire upon the next meeting.

Mr. Berlon asked that the committee review the minutes and then invite the key players to a subsequent meeting in order to discuss workable solutions.

V. Other Business

Ms. Wang reviewed the meeting dates for future ACAT meetings. The next meeting dates are August 18, 2004, September 15, 2004, and October 20, 2004.

VI. Teleride Handbook Update

Mr. Berlon asked that this matter be continued to the next ACAT meeting in order for him to review older ACAT minutes. The changes that have been requested are clerical and not substantive.

Mr. Jarrett stated that the point that he made his statement it had to do with the motion.

Mr. Berlon added that he would feel more comfortable in presenting a complete list of changes at the next meeting.

Mr. Lamar stated that the matter would be finalized at the next ACAT meeting.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the June 16, 2004 ACAT meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

**Wykoda Wang
Transportation Planner**