

Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Access Advisory Committee

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

5:30 PM

Virtual Presentation

CapMetro Employees: Peter Breton, Linda English, Louise Friedlander, Art Jackson, Martin Kareithi, Kelsey Lammy, Julie Lampkin, Ariel Marlowe, Sara Sanford Randy Slaughter, Roberto Velazquez.

Supporting Staff: Emma Fricker, Arnab Gupta, Alex Medina, Sophie Petkus.

Committee Members: Andrew Bernet, Glenda Born, Audrea Diaz, Mike Gorse, Paul Hunt.

Guests: Tom Pey.

Meeting called to order at 5:34 PM

Welcome / Introductions / Call to Order

Chair Hunt

Approval of the Dec minutes – Mike Gorse / 2nd by Glenda Born – passes unanimously.

Approval of the Jan minutes – Glenda Born / 2nd by Mike Gorse – passes unanimously.

Public Communications

Audrea Diaz, Paul Hunt, Mike Gorse, and Glenda Born provided public comments. **Audrea Diaz** also provided further public comments later in the meeting.

Systemwide Accessibility Department – Reporting and Initiatives

Martin Kareithi, Director of Systemwide Accessibility

Martin Kareithi overviews the 2024 4th Quarter Report and Departmental Initiatives.

Glenda Born asks if the DEI changes federally impact what CapMetro does, with regard to hiring and funding. **Martin Kareithi** shares that CapMetro recognizes that in order to provide the best service to our customers, our staff should incorporate those with a diverse range of lived experiences.

Peter Breton adds that if there are any changes to our budget our committees will be able to overview that.

Mike Gorse wonders how much of the CapMetro operating budget relies on federal funding and how changes to that would impact overall service. **CapMetro Staff** share relevant information and offer to follow up with both **Mike Gorse** and **Glenda Born**.

Wayfinding Technology

Martin Kareithi, Director of Systemwide Accessibility

Martin Kareithi overviews and gives an update on NaviLens, then introduces Waymap and Tom Pey, the founder.

Paul Hunt shares his excitement to test program.

Light Rail Update

Arnab Gupta, VP of Design

Alex Medina, Sr Architect, Urban Designer

Sophie Petkus, Community Engagement Coordinator

Arnab Gupta and **ATP Staff** give an update on the Light Rail; sharing station visualizations, going through the project timeline, and giving information about the current comment period.

Paul Hunt asks about the process of determining the rail alignment. **Arnab Gupta** explains that alignment choice depended on access to properties along the corridors, wanting to mitigate common disruptions to flow, and the general familiarity of center running signaling and rail lines.

Martin Kareithi offers up that with a center running alignment, the footprint around the station (street crossing and walkways) allows opportunities for improvement for access and adds to the pedestrian experience.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM