

Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)

Friday, December 6, 2024

11:30 AM

Virtual Presentation

CapMetro Employees: Peter Breton, Darryl Jamail, Kelsey Lammy, Nina Loehr, Ariel Marlowe, Eric Robins, Joseph Rose, Detren Scales, Yvonne Wilson.

Committee Members: Adam Powell, Monica Sanchez, Christian Tschoepe.

Meeting Quorum Not Met; Standing items were tabled, but staff presentations continued. Presentations started at 11:46AM

Public Communications

Trainings Overview

Eric Robins, Chief of Police

Eric Robins overviews the Transit Police Training Program and gives insight into its four phases: Evaluation, Onboarding, Field Training, and Graduation.

Monica Sanchez asks for details on the training that the dispatchers receive on how to appropriately send Transit Police Officers, Public Safety Ambassadors, or Community Intervention Specialists. **Eric Robins** gives insight into the role of dispatchers and how they are trained to assess calls and make determinations.

Christian Tschoepe asks how TPD Field Training compares with the Austin Police Department, given that TPD focuses on the safety of transit riders, which include proportionally more vulnerable groups. **Eric Robins** explains that training will guide officers to use de-escalation tactics.

Christian Tschoepe asks about the frequency of training. **Eric Robins** explains that TCOLE mandates a standard set of one-off and reoccurring trainings that all Texas law enforcement officers are required to take, and that CapMetro will also mandate additional reoccurring and ongoing trainings.

Subcommittee Update & Engagement Review

Peter Breton, Community Engagement Coordinator

Peter Breton provides an update on the ongoing and upcoming policy rounds and leads a discussion to review subcommittee engagement over the past year.

Monica Sanchez inquires to what degree engagements are done in non-English formats. **Peter Breton** shares that it depends per project, basing materials on the impacted communities and available resources.

Peter Breton and **Committee Members** discuss changing the format of subcommittee engagement for non-policy related items.

Advisory Committee Format & Staff Support Roles

Peter Breton, Community Engagement Coordinator

Peter Breton shares upcoming changes to the Advisory Committees, including transitioning meetings from Microsoft Teams to Zoom. **Committee Members** share their opinions about virtual meeting platforms.

Committee Officer Elections

Facilitated by Staff Liaison

Meeting quorum not met.

Meeting ended at 12:52 PM