Call to Order:
Chairman Chris Prentice, Access Advisory Committee

Vice Chairman Hunt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Introductions:

Committee members present were Chair Chris Prentice, Vice Chair Paul Hunt, Glenda Born, Estrella Barrera, Molly Birrell, Mike Gorse, and Pat Thomas.

Capital Metro staff present were Martin Kareithi, Suzie Edrington, Chad Ballentine, Brian Carter, Gardner Tabon, Jeff Dennin, and Kendall Jackson.

Others present were Katherine Rutledge.

New Senior Staff Introductions
Gardner Tabon and Brian Carter

Citizens’ Communication
Members of the public

Katherine Rutledge: MV 1 drivers should assume customers want ramp. And, for Ride Right – as long as the vehicles that have bench seats are in operation, the driver should tell the passenger what vehicle it is before they get in.

Glenda Born: what is the progress update for swapping out the vehicles?
Nate D: 5 left to swap out. 2 in September, 2 in October, 1 in November unless parts come in earlier.

Glenda: Let drivers know to tell passengers what kind of vehicle.
Hunt: Could bench seats vehicles be the last vehicles dispatched?
Nate: Will pass on both suggestions.

Mike Gorse: Reporting back from the National Federation of the Blind Meeting. On the #5 on North end of line, there aren’t audible announcements. In Boston, every stop was announced. Martin: We announce major destinations, transfer points, and intervals sufficient to orient blind persons. With Cap Remap, reverted mostly to timepoints. Between June and August, we’ve been adding announcements to stops.

Hunt: #5 should’ve been in first round since there are a lot of blind and vision impaired folks that use that route.
Paul Hunt: Operators of Ride Right are not using the tablets correctly. I know it’s covered in training so am not sure what to do to fix it.
Chad: service providers have regular meetings with drivers. We can talk about this at the next meeting, and will have it come up every six months.

**Statistics / Tech Update**

*Chad Ballentine, VP of Demand Response and Innovative Mobility*

Chad will distribute the statistics update to the Committee after the meeting. We are going through transition in service providers, which has caused on time performance to suffer. We’re shifting a lot of service to the North.

**Pilot Projects Update / Innovation Zones Update**

*Chad Ballentine, VP of Demand Response and Innovative Mobility*

We’re moving forward in purchasing software for Pickup. Hoping to start with new Pickup zones in June. Working on procurement to expand TNC pilot project. Our Exposition pilot hasn’t been extremely popular, but, there are other neighborhoods where this service could work well. We’re getting moving on rolling out the new app.
Autonomous vehicle testing: the federal government is scaling back permits. Hopefully moving forward with the vehicles in a different location.
Molly: Will Pickup be the same?
Chad: Same branding, but different areas.

**Recap: Capital Metro ADA 28th Anniversary Commemoration**

*Martin Kareithi, Program Manager in Systemwide Accessibility*

We had a Cap Metro employee event to commemorate 28 years of ADA. We wanted to do something different for staff. Literature / education, Braille demo, screen reader demo. Low vision assimilator: what it’s like to have different eye conditions. 36 staff members participated with blindfold and cane.

**Agency Reorganization of System-wide Accessibility**

*Martin Kareithi, Program Manager in Systemwide Accessibility*

Cap Metro has undergone an accessibility realignment: Martin met with Randy, who shared thoughts on accessibility. We should see it as a value: something we consider just like safety. To elevate the topic, we hired a new VP and grouped Safety, Risk, and Accessibility.

**Update on App Release**

*Kendall Jackson, Community Engagement*

A signup sheet was circulated for Beta testing of the new app release.

**Approval of August 2018 Minutes**

*Access Committee*
Paul Hunt moved to approve the minutes, and Chris Prentice seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The committee adjourned at 6:17 pm.