

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

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TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
ETD OFFICES, 91 N. Main Street, Middletown, CT with Remote Options
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024, at 9:00 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Timothy C. Griswold, Chair at 9:00 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

A quorum was established with the following committee members present: Courtney DiMenna, Student Support Manager, Vista Life Innovations (via ZOOM); Will Goble, Program Director, Vista Life Innovations (via ZOOM) (partial meeting, items I-V); Heather Granja, ACES Early Head Start Program Coordinator; Timothy C. Griswold; Committee Chair and Board Secretary (via ZOOM); Kecia Hemphill, East Hampton Senior Center Assistant (via ZOOM); Tim Kellogg, Head of Public Services, E.E. Scranton Memorial Library, Madison, and ETD rider (via ZOOM); Beverly Lawrence, ETD Board Member (via ZOOM); Laurie McElwee, South Central Connecticut Regional Mobility Manager at the Kennedy Collective (via ZOOM); and Artha Slade, Middletown Resident and ETD rider (via ZOOM)

Staff: Joe Comerford, Executive Director; Christina Denison, Executive Assistant; and Brendan Geraghty, Transportation Planner

ETD Board: Leslie Strauss, Board Chair

Griswold moved to amend the agenda to add the acceptance of the March 8, 2024, meeting minutes to the agenda.

L. McElwee made a motion; seconded by A. Slade and unanimously approved, to accept the meeting minutes from March 8, 2024

III. PASSIO UPDATE

B. Geraghty provided a progress report on the new vehicle location technology recently installed on the fixed route buses and at the terminal.

IV. SMART GRANT CTITP FARE PAYMENT TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Geraghty reported that CTDOT will be installing fare validators on the buses which will allow for fare capping on the fixed bus routes. A RVT rollout is expected in the early fall. Options are being explored for those riders who do not have debit/credit cards. Google Pay and Apple Pay are also being looked at. Eventually the State hopes to standardize fares across the State.

V. SERVICE SPAN EXPANSION REVIEW

Geraghty reported that new service went into effect for select routes. These increases to service span include Weeknight and Saturday night service to 11pm, and Sunday service. Initial reports from riders have been favorable to the new service.

VI. XTRA MILE LAUNCH REVIEW

Geraghty reported that the pilot programs in Madison/Guilford and East Hampton were launched on May 28. Ridership has been modest as expected, but growth is being seen particularly in Madison and Guilford. Ridership is expected to grow in both zones over time.

Griswold left the meeting after the conclusion of this discussion. L. Strauss assumed Chair duties.

VII. BUS SHELTER PROJECT

Geraghty reported the District has partnered CTDOT and the City of Middletown to plan out installation of bus shelters at key locations in Middletown with the goal of making the stops accessible and safer for riders and buses.

VIII. PARK CONNECT

Geraghty reported the District is participating in the Park Connect summer program again this year. With changes to the service including Sunday service for the 645 and replacing the Madison Shuttle with free service in the XtraMile zone in Madison & Guilford to Hammonasset Beach.

Geraghty and Comerford were available to respond to any questions/comments from committee members.

Strauss recommended that future agenda include Old Business/New Business sections. T. Kellogg made a motion, seconded by H. Granga and unanimously approved, to revise future agenda based on Strauss' recommendation.

IX. Next Meeting— The next meeting will be held in September 2024; date TBD.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Slade made a motion; seconded by Granga and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Denison
Clerk

