

**DRAFT
MINUTES OF PVTA'S
PARATRANSIT COMMITTEE MEETING
May 19, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Paratransit Sub-Committee of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority Advisory Board met on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 10:00 AM remotely in accordance with the Governor's State of Emergency Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, Section 20, relieving from the requirement of section 20 of chapter 30A that it conduct its meetings in a public place that is open and physically accessible to the public, permitting a public body to allow remote participation by all members.

PRESENT:

Members: Brian O'Leary, Belchertown; Mark Gold, Longmeadow; Paula Dubord, Wilbraham;

NOT PRESENT:

Steve Huntley, Chicopee; Becky Moriarty, Hampden;

A quorum being present, Brian O'Leary, acting Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2020

Chairman O'Leary asked for a motion from the Paratransit Committee to approve the meeting minutes of January 21, 2020.

Motion: Moved and seconded (Gold/Dubord) to approve the meeting minutes of January 21, 2020.

Chairman O'Leary asked if there was any discussion, hearing none, asked for a roll call vote.

Mark Gold: Yes

Paula Dubord: Yes

Brian O'Leary: Yes

Motion passed, 3-0 vote.

4. PARATRANSIT CONTRACTOR UPDATE

Paul Burns, Director of Transit Operations, reported the following:

PVTA has chosen a new paratransit provider. MV Transportation was the successful bidder. With more than 4 decades of experience in the industry MV brings significant expertise to PVTA. MV will begin providing ADA Paratransit and Dial-A-Ride service on July 1. MV will operate under an initial two-year contract that allows for up to three consecutive (1) one-year renewal periods if approved by both parties. MV's transition team and General Manager have been working on-site.

PVTA has been communicating with riders letting them know of this upcoming change. Riders will still call the same phone number to book a trip. A press release will be issued after the Board meeting.

5. FARE IMPACT & EQUITY REPORT

Tolu Oke, Manager of Planning & Analysis, gave a presentation on PVTA's Fare Impact & Equity Report and stated the following:

PVTA is not proposing a fare increase. We are proposing the following fare modifications:

- Make Senior Fare-Free Tuesdays permanent
- Pilot monthly fare capping using PVTA's mobile fare payment app: MassDOT BusPlus
- Fare Structure for Amherst/Worcester Intercity Route

Fare Equity Analysis Report shows:

- A fare change would not have a discriminatory impact based on race, color, or national origin.
- Low-income populations would not bear disproportionate burdens (PVTA defines a disparate impact or disproportionate burden as a situation in which a fare change would adversely impact minority and low-income riders by 1.2 times (more than 20%) the impact on non-minority and non-low-income riders).

The full Fare Impact & Equity Report has been filed with the minutes of this meeting.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman O'Leary reported that there is no other business to discuss.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman O'Leary asked for a motion from the Paratransit Committee to adjourn.

Motion: Moved and seconded (Gold/Dubord) to adjourn.

Chairman O'Leary asked if there was any discussion, hearing none, asked for a roll call vote.

Mark Gold: Yes

Paula Dubord: Yes

Brian O'Leary: Yes

Motion passed, 3-0 vote.

The meeting of the Paratransit Committee adjourned (Gold/Dubord) at 10:31 A.M.

A TRUE RECORD

ATTEST: _____
BRANDY PELLETIER

Documents filed with Paratransit Committee meeting packet:

- January 21, 2020 Paratransit Committee Minutes
- Fare Impact & Equity Report