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**Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority  
COVID-19 AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING  
Friday, June 26, 2020-12:00 P.M.  
3613 Lucius Road, Columbia, SC 29201 – Teleconference**

**Members Present:**

Col. Roger (R) Leaks, Jr.\*  
Transdev\*  
Derrick Huggins\*  
Lill Mood\*

**Guests Present:**

Larry Gabaldon, Interim General Manager,

*\*Indicates participation by phone.*

**Absent:**

None

**The COMET Staff Present**

John Andoh, Executive Director/CEO  
LeRoy DesChamps, Director of Administration & Operations/COO  
Alexis Feliciano, Transit Traffic Checker  
Tanisha Woodson, Interim Customer Experience and Contract Compliance Specialist  
Eric Harris, Planning and Development Specialist  
Paige Jernigan, Administrative and Customer Service Specialist

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Col. Leaks called the meeting to order at 12:01 P.M.  
A quorum was present at the opening of the meeting.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**



**Motion:**

A motion was made by Ms. Mood and seconded by Col. Leaks to adopt the agenda.

**Approved:** Huggins\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*

**Absent:** None

**Motion passed.**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM June 19, 2020**

**Motion:**

A motion was made by Ms. Mood and seconded by Mr. Huggins to approve the minutes from June 19, 2020

**Approved:** Huggins\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*

**Absent:** None

**Motion passed.**

**4. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

A. Update of the COMET Operations, Vehicle Cleaning, Food Delivery and Re-Opening  
Mr. Gabaldon gave an update of the current operating procedures. He stated that safety protocols are going well. He added that they have not gotten a lot of pushback regarding the mandatory mask rule.

Mr. Gabaldon confirmed there are dispensers for hand sanitizers and masks. He did state that the buses are going through masks very quickly. He also added that food delivery is still occurring and going well.

Ms. Mood asked about the COMET Central location. Mr. Gabaldon explained he thought it was going well and they are still practicing social distancing, so the facility is not overcrowded. He continued that the security guards are monitoring the number of passengers closely.

Col. Leaks inquired about the overall safety of the drivers from the driver prospective. Mr. Gabaldon confirmed that the drivers seem pleased with everyone wearing masks as they feel more protected.

Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Gabaldon leaving and operations once departure.

*Mr. Huggins left the call at 12:09 P.M.*

Mr. DesChamps gave a brief update of the thermometer testing and the process of the temperature kiosk. The Committee discussed best practices and potential scenarios. Mr. DesChamps did inform the Committee that none of the drivers have tested positive.



Col. Leaks asked about the marketing process. The Committee discussed the news coverage and the mandatory mask requirement. Ms. Mood expressed her gratitude to the Staff and praised all the hard work to protect the drivers and passengers.

Mr. Gabaldon confirmed that the drivers have been given their service recognition bonus.

Mr. Andoh asked that since our next meeting falls on a holiday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, could we not meet that day. The Committee agreed.

**5. ADJOURN**

**Motion:**

A motion was made by Ms. Mood and seconded by Col. Leaks to adjourn the meeting.

**Approved:** Leaks\*, Mood\*

**Absent:** Huggins

The meeting adjourned at 12:24 P.M.

**CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

Adopted this July, 2020, Agenda Item \_\_\_\_\_

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Approved by:

Andy Smith, Secretary

