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Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority
COVID-19 AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
Friday, September 18, 2020-12:00 P.M.
3613 Lucius Road, Columbia, SC 29201 – Teleconference

Members Present:

Col. Roger (R) Leaks, Jr.*
Lill Mood*

Guests Present:

Corey Gagnon, General Manager, RATP Dev

**Indicates participation by phone.*

Absent:

Derrick Huggins*

The COMET Staff Present

John Andoh, Executive Director/CEO
LeRoy DesChamps, Director of Administration & Operations/COO
Tanisha Gibbons, Interim Customer Experience & Contract Compliance 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: Leaks*, Mood*

Absent: Huggins

Motion passed.



3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM September 4, 2020

Motion:

A motion was made by Ms. Mood and seconded by Col. Leaks to adopt the minutes as distributed.

Approved: Leaks*, Mood*

Absent: Huggins

Motion passed.

4. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Verbal Update of the COMET Operations, Vehicle Cleaning, Food Delivery and COVID-19 Testing

Mr. DesChamps turned the discussion over to Mr. Gagnon with RATP Dev for an update.

Mr. Gagnon stated that they have not had any issues since the last meeting. He added that temperature kiosks have been received very well and that there have been no high temperature readings.

Mr. Gagnon added that the cleaning and sterilizing is continuing and explained the processes being taken. He confirmed that hand sanitizer is still being offered.

Discussion ensued regarding the University shuttle and the precautions being taken. Mr. Gagnon confirmed the procedures are exactly the same as fixed route and DART buses.

Mr. DesChamps updated the Committee on the COVID-19 testing. Mr. DesChamps established that he proposed offering the flu shot when they come to offer the COVID - 19 testing by Lovelace Medical.

Flu Shot - \$25

COVID - \$50

Cost for both - \$75

The Committee discussed the need and if it would be easier just to go to their local pharmacy. Mr. DesChamps stated that we should encourage the staff to get the flu shot but he does not feel that it will be widely used if performed onsite.

Motion:

A motion was made by Ms. Mood and seconded by Col. Leaks to not take any action at present to include offering flu shots along with COVID testing.

Approved: Leaks*, Mood*

Absent: Huggins

Motion carries.



B. JUNE 2020 Transit Ridership and Service Levels

Mr. Andoh reported that the barrier prototype would be installed on one (1) three hundred (300) series bus and one (one) seven hundred (700) series bus on October 26, 2020. He added if this proves successful then they will be installed on the thirty-seven (37) remaining buses.

Mr. Andoh referred to Page 77 in the packet regarding the thermometer installation. He explained that Safety Vision has designed a thermometer that can be installed on buses without requiring a person to operate. He did state that the NABI buses need to be retrofitted and the cutaway buses need an extension over the fare box. He mentioned that we are working to get these issues resolved with other vendors.

Mr. Andoh asked about the shower curtain barrier. Mr. Gagnon confirmed that RATP Dev are working on a better solution as the shower curtain barrier does not protect as well as anticipated.

Mr. DesChamps and Mr. Andoh discussed the State of Emergency extension.

C. COVID 19 Communication Policy and Positive Cases at The COMET

5. ADJOURN

Motion:

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

Approved: Leaks*, Mood*

Absent: Huggins

Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:42 P.M.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Adopted this Oct 1, 2020, Agenda Item _____

Prepared by:

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Paige Jernigan, Administrative & Customer Service Specialist

Approved by:

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Allison Terracio, Secretary

