

Cape Ann Transportation Authority
Board Meeting
October 4, 2024
9:30am

Attendance: Mayor Greg Verga, Mitchell Vieira, Gil Frieden, Board Counsel Liz O'Connor, Eddie Marques, Felicia Webb Administrator, Jackie LaFlam

Not present was Ipswich Stephen Crane, Hamilton Joseph Domelowicz, and ADA Representative Jay Smiledge

This meeting was conducted remotely through GotoMeeting. All votes were Roll Call

Called to order by Mayor Verga at 9:30am

Approval of Minutes

Gil Frieden just pointed out two errors, one is changing a "PM" to "AM" and the other missing the word "increased" on page 3. Corrections have been made.

Mitch Vieira, Motion to approve CATA May 21, 2024 minutes as corrected

Seconded by Gil Frieden

All in favor

FY23 Fare Free Grant (Fare Free Holidays)

Felicia discussed the last round of FY23 grant funding for Fare Free Holiday Service for 2024. All of the CATA services would be included with the exception for CATA On Demand.

Motion: I move that the CATA Advisory Board approve the temporary fare reductions to be implemented in support of the FY23 Fare Free Grant (the Try Transit Program) on CATA's fixed route, ADA paratransit, and senior dial-a-ride services from November 29, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

Mitch, Vieira, moved to approve FY23 Fare Free Grant

Seconded, Gil Freiden

All in favor

FY25(CY25) Fare Free Grant

Felicia discussed the FY25 Fare Free grant, CATA's projected share is \$293k, based on a formula amongst the RTAs using FY23 ridership. There was an overall increase in ridership from 2023 to 2024 but the fixed route is still below. CATA on Demand was higher. We can provide an update on ridership in 6 months.

Motion: I move that the CATA Advisory Board approve the temporary fare reductions implemented in support of the FY25 Fare Free Grant on CATA's fixed route, ADA paratransit, and senior dial-a-ride services from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

Mitch, Vieira, moved to approve FY23 Fare Free Grant
Seconded, Gil Freiden
All in favor

Gil asked if Essex has seen over 100 people using the service?

Felicia 's response was No, not yet on Essex. Essex has seen a handful of riders, the same with the additional Lanesville morning and evening trips. We have seen over 150 for the new #2a Business Express tripper.

Mayor Verga motioned to adjourn at 9:45
Seconded by Gil Freiden
All in Favor