

Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit, Inc.
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes - March 18, 2020
3:00pm via Zoom

Attendees

Board Members: Bridgette Brady; Deborah Dawson; Jennifer Dotson; Dan Klein; Ducson Nguyen; Gary Stewart; Denise Thompson

Excused: Laura Lewis; Frank Proto

Staff Attendees: Susan Brock; Pamela Torelli; Scot Vanderpool

Call to Order

Chair B. Brady called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Action Items

Resolution 2020-04 – Temporary Suspension of All Fares in Response to COVID-19 was presented. Motion to approve made by D. Dawson, seconded by J. Dotson. S. Vanderpool requested that the start date of the temporary fare suspension be moved back one day to March 20. The end date of the three-week period was also moved back by one day to April 9. As amended, Resolution 2020-04 passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0-0 as follows:

RESOLUTION 2020 – 04
TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ALL FARES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

WHEREAS, the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 has caused drastic changes in daily lives, and over the past few days Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit, Inc. (TCAT) ridership numbers are down close to 85%, with numbers continuing to drop daily, and

WHEREAS, because of COVID-19's spread, Governor Cuomo has declared a State disaster emergency for all of New York State, and the Tompkins County Administrator has declared a State of Emergency for Tompkins County, and

WHEREAS, while many events and social gatherings are cancelled or no longer allowed due to the Governor's Executive Orders, people still need transit to get to work, medical and social services, shopping for groceries and supplies, and to check in on the well-being of loved ones, and

WHEREAS, TCAT's priority is to protect its workforce while providing an essential level of service, and

WHEREAS, TCAT's temporary suspension of the collection of fares on the buses will avoid bus operator/customer contact that might otherwise occur through customers using the fare-box and asking for transfer slips, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the TCAT Board of Directors approves the temporary suspension of all fares on all routes for a period of three weeks effective March 20, 2020 and lasting through April 9, 2020, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Board will reevaluate fare suspension after the three-week period to determine if the temporary suspension will continue or if there will be a reinstatement of fares.

Adopted by the TCAT Board of Directors on this the 18th day of March, 2020.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:11pm.

Next meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting is March 26, 2020.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Pamela Torelli, Recording Secretary, March 26, 2020.