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Dial-A-Ride Commission Agenda December 16th, 2021 – 10:00am

Attendance

DART Commissioners: Mary Laforet, Sandra Bacon, Dan McGillivray, Jenny Marshall, Richard Olson

City of Midland Employees: Karen Murphy, Amy Bidwell, Rodney Merillat, Courtney Brubaker

FTA / MDOT Business – Amy Bidwell

- DART Received one lift-equipped replacement bus in 2021 that was purchased using federal and state funds.
- Manufacturing Vehicle Delays –
 - There was one other vehicle on order as of October 2020.
 - That vehicle has been affected by the industry-wide microchip shortage.
 - As a result, that bus is going to be delayed up to another year.
 - In addition, that bus will have slightly different features (such as a metal chassis instead of a composite chassis).
- Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan – FTA Requirement Committee annual approval by DART Commission.
- MDOT Vehicle Accessibility Plan Approval.
 - Exploration of Transit Vans.

Operations Update – Rodney Merillat

- Dial-A-Ride update on being open on holidays.
- Covid-19 Presentation.
- Update on how ride reminders have been going.
- Employee uniform update.
- Hiring update.

- DART Agency Forum meetings – group continue to meet quarterly.
- Ridership Recap – Demand has increased following the decline experienced in 2020 as a result of Covid-19.

Quarter	Vehicle Miles	Regular Fare	Elderly	Persons W/Dis	Seniors W/Dis	Total
Jan - Mar 2020	98,586	8,291	2,001	13,096	2,745	26,133
Apr - June 2020	34,868	2,149	673	2,914	716	6,452
Jul - Sept 2020	61,932	4,100	1,215	6,176	1,742	13,233
Oct - Dec 2020	67,195	4,791	1,170	6,600	1,717	14,278
Totals	262,581	19,331	5,059	28,786	6,920	60,096

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Jan - Mar 2021	82,109	6,727	1,622	7,614	1,755	17,718
Apr - June 2021	82,803	5,969	1,764	8,508	2,075	18,316
Jul - Sept 2021	84,954	5,218	1,898	9,668	2,280	19,064

New Business – Amy Bidwell

- ADEPT Training.
- FTA Drug and Alcohol Audit.
- Triennial Review January 2022.