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# **Agenda**

# MTS ACCESSIBLE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

December 12, 2019 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

James R. Mills Building Board Meeting Room, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor 1255 Imperial Avenue, San Diego CA 92101

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Action Recommended

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Approval of Minutes September 12, 2019

Approve

- 3. <u>Public Comments</u> Limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. If you have a report to present, please give your copies to the Clerk of ASAC.
- 4. ElevateSD 2020 (Mark Olson)

Informational

- Staff to provide update on ElevateSD 2020 from September 12 ASAC Meeting

Please SILENCE electronics during the meeting

### 5. 2020 ASAC Meeting Schedule

Adopt

- Action would adopt the 2020 Accessible Services Advisory Committee meeting schedule.

#### REPORT ITEMS

6. ADA Paratransit Reports

Informational

- Operators
  - MTS Access First Transit
- <u>Certification</u>
  - > MTM Access Certification
- 7. Fixed-Route Reports

Informational

- Operators
  - ➤ MTS Bus
  - > MTS Contract Services
  - San Diego Trolley, Inc.
- 8. Committee Member Communications/Comments

Informational

- 9. Next Meeting Date: March 12, 2020 at 1:00 PM
- 10. Adjournment

# MEETING OF THE SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM ACCESSIBLE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE 1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000 San Diego, CA 92101

#### **MINUTES**

#### September 12, 2019

[Clerk's note: Except where noted, public, staff and board member comments are paraphrased]

#### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Rios called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. A roll call sheet listing the committee members in attendance is attached.

#### 2. Approval of the March 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Chair Rios entertained a motion to approve the June 13, 2019 meeting minutes. Mr. Doogan moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Knight seconded the motion, and the vote was 12 to 0 in favor with Mr. Prem, Ms. Marshall, Ms. Ornelas absent and Mr. Christensen not present at time of vote.

#### 3. Public Comment

No public comment

#### 4. Elevate SD 2020 (Mark Olson)

Mr. Mark Olson, Manager of Public Relations, provided an update on the outreach activities in regards to ElevateSD 2020. Mr. Olson explained that there have been a lot of community outreach events since the last ASAC meeting and provided an overview of the next steps. Mr. Olson went over the current process and talked about analyzing a universe of projects from various sources and listening to the ideas of the community. Mr. Olson explained that there have been town hall meetings, outreach events with advisory groups as well as community forums and events.

Mr. Olsen did a recap from the June 13, 2019 ASAC Meeting. He went over the key themes from the breakout groups which included faster and more direct service, more frequent and extended hours of service and maintaining affordability. Mr. Olson then went over the total value rankings from all outreach events and also talked about value rankings from community and public events.

Lastly, Mr. Olson went over the specific projects that will be included in the next round of research and surveys. He talked about an increase in frequency, extended service plan and an airport trolley. Mr. Olson explained that the next phase of surveys will include the cost associated with each project which will likely change project rankings. Mr. Olson presented information about an online public engagement tool called the Vision Builder. He explained that the public will be able to review the list of potential projects and develop their own transit plan. Each survey taker will have a budget of 1,500-2,000 coins to spend (each project will be assigned a coin value) and will assemble their proposed program of projects.

Mr. Olson noted that the Vision Builder tool would be available in the next couple of weeks. Finally, he provided the committee with a timeline of activities for the next year.

Chair Rios thanked Mr. Olson for the presentation and noted that she really likes the vision builder tool.

#### Action Taken

No action taken. Informational item only.

### 5. <u>Travel Training (Callie Johnson)</u>

Callie Johnson, Project Manager with MTM introduced Max Calder, Regional Director for MTM. Ms. Johnson provided a presentation and update on Travel Training. She provided information on the two types of travel training that are offered through MTM, Taking Transit 101 and Access-Ability. She then explained that over 30 sessions have been held for Taking Transit 101 and two trainings have been held for Access-Ability. Ms. Johnson asked the committee for help so that more trainings could be held. Mr. Calder went over mobility management and why it matters. He explained that MTM needs a few good volunteers for travel training classes that will help the community.

Ms. Lucero asked Ms. Johnson for more info on the travel training classes. M. Johnson responded by saying that training is a one-day class that is eight hours long. She explained that she flexible on where the training can be held and that there is no charge to an agency. She explained that the training focuses on a wide range on topics regrading to travel and also provides trainers with tools on how to handle different situations.

Chair Rios asked if a committee member is unable to commit to volunteering, could someone from their agency still partake in the training. Ms. Johnson and Mr. Calder both responded by saying yes. Ms. Johnson also provided the committee with information sheets on travel training. Chair Rios asked if meals are provided during training. Ms. Johnson said meals are not provided but groups usually find a place to get lunch.

#### Action Taken

No action taken. Informational item only.

### 6. Reasonable Modifications (Samantha Leslie)

Samantha Leslie, Staff Attorney – Regulatory Compliance, provided a presentation on the MTS' reasonable modification process. Ms. Leslie went over the FTA regulation stating that transit agencies must provide individuals with disabilities reasonable modification to its policies, practices and procedures, if necessary to provide access to the agency's service. Ms. Leslie explained that requests can be made in advance or on the spot. Ms. Leslie provided the link to MTS' reasonable modification policy. She also noted that MTS bus operators and customer service staff are trained on how to handle such requests.

Ms. Leslie provided several examples of reasonable modification requests that would be granted such as helping a rider with fare media. She also provided the DOT (Department of Transportation) guidance on when it is acceptable to deny a request. Ms. Leslie

provided several examples of requests that would denied such as requesting a specific vehicle.

Ms. Leslie explained that passengers my make requests either in advance or on spot and that MTS may either grant or deny the request based on DOT ADA regulations, guidance and examples.

Mr. Jorge Rivas noted that the reason for this agenda item is because an individual had requested the driver to drop him off half a block from the bus stop so that he could transfer, however, some drivers have denied the request. Ms. Leslie noted that in that example, the stop the passenger had requested he be dropped off at was for a different route. She explained that the request would likely have been denied because it would alter operations. Mr. Rivas asked if two routes would be considered the same route if they are travelling on the same street and same direction. Ms. Leslie explained that each route has its own designated stops and that some buses are longer than others and thus need more space to park safely. She did note that if there was an obstruction at a bus stop, then it's reasonable to pull ahead of the obstruction and drop passengers off safely. Ms. Belinda Fragger responded to Mr. Rivas's first question stating that the individual had requested he be dropped off at a non-designated bus stop.

Ms. Lucero noted that the trolley announcements have been inconsistent the last few times she has taken her clients on the trolley. She explained that most of clients have very limited to no vision so it's challenging to know which trolley they are boarding. She also said that the volume is low which makes it hard to hear for some of her clients. Ms. Leslie asked Ms. Lucero for more detail so that MTS can investigate.

Chair Rios requested staff provide additional contact information on how to request a reasonable modification.

#### Action Taken

No action taken. Informational item only.

#### 7. Access and Mobility Partnership Grant (Vassilena Lerinska)

Vassilena Lerinska, Transit Operations Specialist, stated that MTS received a federal grant to purchase three additional modules for the Trapeze scheduling software. She noted the modules will enhance the customer experience and provided a summary of each module. She explained PASS-Web will allow passengers to monitor the status of their trip as well as confirm, cancel or view future trips. The second module, PASS-IVR, works in conjunction with PASS-Web and provides passengers will account and trip information as well as a call back feature which will remind passengers of upcoming trips. Lastly, the third module, EZ-Wallet, will provide passengers the ability to add funds to their existing prepaid fare account, purchase passes and print transit usage reports.

Ms. Lerinska stated MTS is currently working on a timeline of when all three modules will be implemented into the software. Chair Rios asked what the project amount was for the grant. Ms. Lerinska stated it was \$536,000. Chair Rios asked staff to provide un updated timeline when it is available.

#### Action Taken

No action taken. Informational item only.

#### 8. ADA Paratransit Reports

MTS Access and MTM monthly reports attached.

#### Action Taken

No action taken. Informational item only.

### 9. <u>Fixed-Route Reports</u>

Fixed route monthly reports attached.

### Action Taken

No action taken. Informational item only.

#### 10. <u>Committee Member Communications/Comments</u>

Mr. Rivas stated he enjoys the supplemental taxi cab program for MTS Access. He also noted that he has heard several complaints regarding taxi drivers arriving early to pick up passengers. Ms. Lerinska stated drivers cannot require passengers to come out earlier than their pick-up time. She asked any issues to be reported to MTS for further investigation. Mr. Rivas asked if drivers know they aren't supposed to ask passengers to come out earlier than their pick-up time. Mr. DeRees Clark responded by saying that sometimes taxi will dispatch a trip and drivers respond are able to respond quickly and arrive earlier than schedule. He noted that First Transit is working with Yellow Cab to address arriving early.

#### 12. Adjourn

/s/ Jay Washburn

Chair Rios adjourned the meeting at 1:54pm.

Vice Chairperson San Diego Metropolitan Transit System	
Filed by:	Approved as to form:
/s/ Vassilena Lerinska Clerk of ASAC San Diego Metropolitan Transit System	/s/ Jay Washbun Manager of Paratransit and Minibus San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

Attachments: Roll Call Sheet

### SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM ACCESSIBLE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ASAC) MEETING ROLL CALL

MEETING OF (DATE): 9/12/2019

CALL TO ORDER (TIME): 1:05PM

ADJOURN (TIME): 1:54PM

COMMITTEE MEMBER	(Alternate)	1		ORGANIZATION	PRESENT (TIME ARRIVED)	ABSENT (TIME LEFT)
Mona Rios	$\boxtimes$			ASAC Chair	1:05PM	1:54PM
Nancy Vera		vas		Access to Independence	1:05PM	1:54PM
Arun Prem	☐ Jonathan	Albarra	n 🗆	FACT (CTSA)		
Debbie Marshall				State Council on Developmental Disabilities		
Bill Lewis	☐ Rene Alv	arez	×	Transdev - Contracted Bus Routes	1:05PM	1:54PM
Callie Johnson	☑ Heriberto	Gaytar		MTM, Inc	1:05PM	1:54PM
Anthony Ferguson	☐ Jorge Ma	lone	$\boxtimes$	San Diego Regional Center	1:05PM	1:54PM
Marissa Lucero	☑ Elsa Caba	allero		San Diego Center for the Blind	1:05PM	1:54PM
DeRees Clark	☑ Rafael Vil	legas		First Transit, Inc. (MTS Access)	1:05PM	1:54PM
Jack Christensen	☐ Lisa Mad	sen	$\boxtimes$	SANDAG	1:19PM	1:54PM
Vacant				County of San Diego AIS		
Vacant				Caltrans		
Sharlene Ornelas	☐ Tanya Aze	evedo		Paratransit Consumer		
Jorge Rivas				Fixed Route Consumer	1:05PM	1:54PM
Tom Doogan				MTS Trolley	1:05PM	1:54PM
Belinda Fragger				MTS Bus	1:05PM	1:54PM
Allie Rice				Deaf Community Services	1:05PM	1:54PM
Betsy Knight		nson		Count of San Diego Behavioral Health Services	1:05PM	1:54PM
Vassy Lerinska		non-vo	oting	MTS Contracted Services	1:05PM	1:54PM
Jay Washburn		non-vo	oting	MTS Contracted Services		
Samantha Leslie	×	non-vo	oting	MTS Legal	1:05PM	1:54PM

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# Agenda Item No. 4

### MEETING OF THE ACCESSIBLE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ASAC)

December 12, 2019

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ELEVATE SD 2020 UPDATE (MARK OLSON)

INFORMATIONAL ONLY:

**Budget Impact** 

None.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

MTS to provide overview of the potential ballot measure and provide members and the public the opportunity to give their feedback and input on transportation needs and solutions.

### /s/ Jay Washburn

Jay Washburn Manager of Paratransit and Minibus

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# Accessible Services Advisory Committee Update on Public Engagement, Focus Groups & Next Steps

December 12, 2019





# **VISION BUILDER RESULTS**



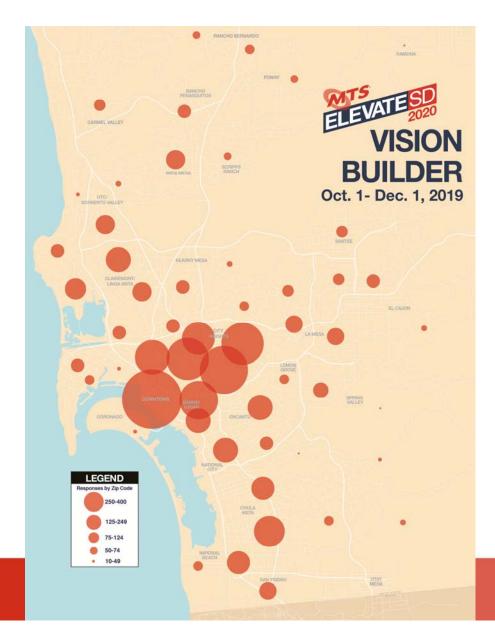


# 6,566 Total Responses

# Responses by Zip Code

Top Responding Zip Codes:

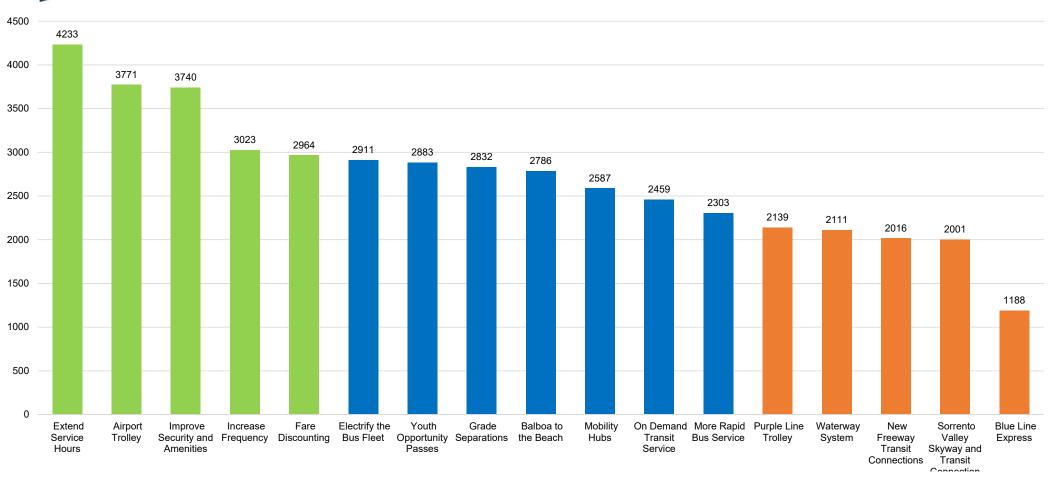
- 1. 92101 D3 (402)
- 2. 92105 D4/9 (327)
- 3. 92104 D4 (288)
- 4. 92115 D9 (281)
- 5. 92102 D3/4/9 (260)





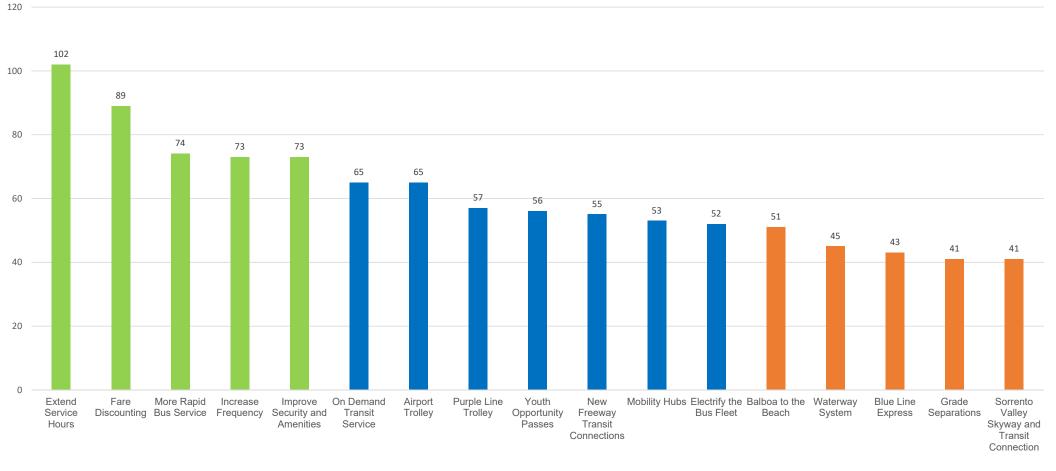


# **Overall Results (By Project)**





# Vision Builder: MTS Transit Center Outreach





# **Key Takeaways**

- The top 3 overall projects tended to be popular projects across each jurisdiction.
- Increased frequency tended to be a top 5 selection in more areas outside of the MTS core network
- Fare discounting was a top 5
   project in half of the
   jurisdictions, with Youth
   Opportunity Passes top 5 in
   most communities south of I-8

 Projects that resonated with subgroups:

**More Rapid Routes:** Top 3 with transit center participants, and top 5 in several communities along freeways

**New Freeway Transit Connections:** More popular among riders, and top 5 in Poway/Santee

Beach Connection: Top 5 in D2, D3, D6

**On-Demand Transit:** More popular with riders, as well as residents in El Cajon, Lemon Grove and D5

Projects not getting much traction:

**Blue Line Express:** Highest rank is 9 (IB and D8) – ranked last in 16/20 jurisdictions

**Sorrento Valley Skyway:** Top 5 in D1, but bottom 5 in 18/20 jurisdictions

**Waterway:** Bottom 5 in 14/20 jurisdictions (highest ranks: #2 Coronado, #7 Chula Vista)





# Vision Builder Results: CAC

# Tier 1





Youth Opportunity
Passes



Discounting



**Extend Service Hours** 



More *Rapid*Bus Service



& Amenities\*\*
(Amenities focus)

**Improve Security** 

# Tier 2



**Mobility Hubs** 



Purple Line Trolley



On-Demand Transit Services



Blue Line Express



Balboa to the Beach



New Freeway Transit Service

# Tier 3



**Grade Separations** 



Skyway & Transit Connections



Electrify the Bus Fleet



Waterway System





# Vision Builder Results: Education Working Group

# Tier 1



**Purple Line Trolley** 



**New Freeway Transit Service** 



**Fare Discounting** 



**Youth Opportunity Passes** 



**Improve** Security\*\* & Amenities (Security focus)

# Tier 2



More Rapid



**Grade Separations** 



**Bus Service** 



**Blue Line Express** 

Increase

**Frequency** 

# Tier 3



**Extend Service Hours** 



**On-Demand Transit Services** 



**Electrify the Bus Fleet** 



**Mobility Hubs** 



**Skyway & Transit Connections** 



**Airport Trolley** 





Balboa to the Beach





# Vision Builder Results: Business Workshop (Port Tenants Association) Tier 2

Tier 1



Purple Line Trolley



Airport Trolley



Waterway System



More *Rapid*Bus Service



Blue Line Express



Improve Security & Amenities



**Mobility Hubs** 



**Extend Service Hours** 



Increase Frequency



Skyway & Transit Connections



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Youth Opportunity
Passes



Electrify the Bus Fleet



New Freeway Transit Service



**On-Demand Transit Services** 



Fare Discounting







# Vision Builder Results: Labor Working Group

# Tier 1





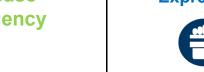
**Improve Security** & Amenities







Increase Frequency



**Youth Opportunity** Passes (18 & Under)

# Tier 2



More Rapid **Bus Service** 



**Blue Line Express** 



**Fare Discounting/** 



**Electrify the Bus Fleet** 



**Airport Trolley** 



**Mobility Hubs** 

# Tier 3



**On-Demand Transit Services** 



**New Freeway Transit Service** 



**Skyway & Transit Connections** 



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# **Vision Builder Takeaways**

- 6,566 Submissions
- Four Working Group/Workshops

# **More Popular**



More Frequency and Extend Service Hours



Security & Amenities



**New Trolley Lines** 



Fare Discounting (including YOP in communities south of I-8)

# **Less Popular**



Blue Line Express



Skyways & Waterway



Balboa to the Beach





# **Next Steps**

- Notify public of draft expenditure plan (December – February)
  - Transit center pop-ups, community events
- Polling (January)
- Present findings and draft expenditure plan to Working Groups and CAC (December/January)
- Webinar Series (January/February)





# **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**





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# Agenda Item No. 5

#### MEETING OF THE ACCESSIBLE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ASAC)

December 12, 2019

#### SUBJECT:

ADOPTION OF THE 2020 SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM (MTS) ACCESSIBLE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Accessible Services Advisory Committee adopt the 2020 ASAC meeting schedule (Attachment A).

**Budget Impact** 

None.

#### DISCUSSION:

The MTS Accessible Services Advisory Committee annually adopts its meeting schedule for the next calendar year. The meeting schedule reflects ASAC meetings throughout the 2020 calendar year (Attachment A). Meetings are scheduled to primarily occur on the first or second Thursday of March, June, September, and December.

#### /s/ Jay Washburn

Jay Washburn Manager of Paratransit and Minibus

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Attachment: A. 2020 MTS Accessible Services Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule













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# Quarterly

# MTS Accessible Services Advisory Committee (ASAC) 2020 Meeting Schedule

All meetings will be held at MTS in the Board Room, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1255 Imperial Ave., San Diego, CA at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Date Mail out Date

March 12, 2020 March 6, 2020

June 18, 2020 June 12, 2020

**September 17, 2020 September 11, 2020** 

December 10, 2020 December 4, 2020





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# Agenda Item No. 6

### MEETING OF THE ACCESSIBLE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ASAC)

December 12, 2019

SUBJECT:

MONTHLY ADA PARATRANSIT REPORT

INFORMATIONAL ONLY

**Budget Impact** 

None with this action.

#### DISCUSSION:

Attached monthly reports cover the period from July 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019. The MTS Access report provides a monthly overview of service performance. The MTM report provides a monthly ADA certification summary for MTS Access Paratransit.

### /s/ Jay Washburn

Jay Washburn Manager of Paratransit and Minibus

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Attachment: MTS Access Report and MTM Report





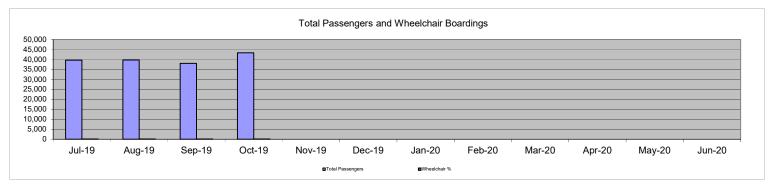


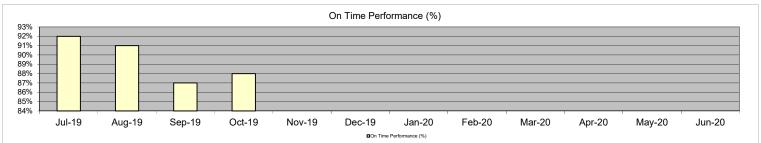


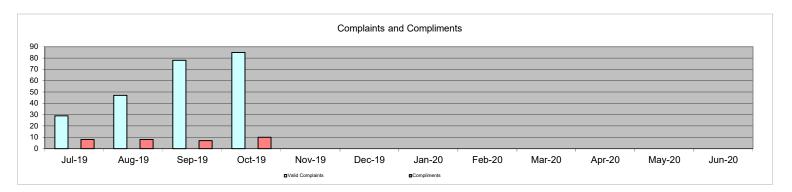


## MTS Access ASAC Report FY 20

	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Total
Total Passengers	39,701	39,704	38,047	43,348									160,800
Wheelchair %	26%	26%	25%	26%									26%
On Time Performance (%)	92%	91%	87%	88%									90%
Valid Complaints	29	47	78	85									239
Compliments	8	8	7	10									33



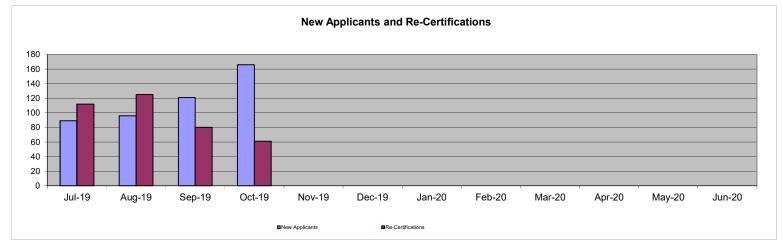


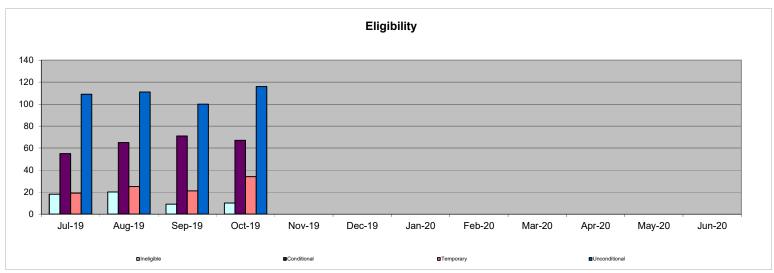




# MTM Certification Summary Report FY 20

	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Total
New Applicants	89	96	121	166									472
Re-Certifications	112	125	80	61									378
Total	201	221	201	227									850
Ineligible	18	20	9	10									57
Conditional	55	65	71	67									258
Temporary	19	25	21	34									99
Unconditional	109	111	100	116									436
Total	201	221	201	227									850







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# Agenda Item No. 7

### MEETING OF THE ACCESSIBLE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ASAC)

December 12, 2019

SUBJECT:

MONTHLY FIXED ROUTE REPORT

INFORMATIONAL ONLY

**Budget Impact** 

None with this action.

#### DISCUSSION:

Attached monthly reports cover the period from July 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019. The MTS Bus, MTS Contract Services, and San Diego Trolley reports provide a monthly summary of service performance.

### /s/ Jay Washburn

Jay Washburn Manager of Paratransit and Minibus

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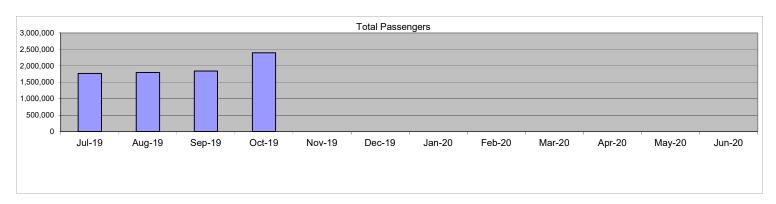
Attachment: MTS Bus Report, MTS Contract Services Report, and San Diego Trolley Report

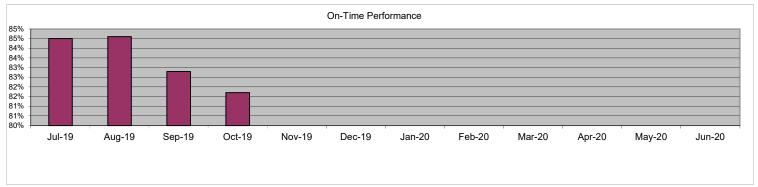




# MTS Bus Ramp Deployment Report FY 20

	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Total
Total Passengers	1,770,722	1,797,909	1,842,414	2,398,871									7,809,916
On-Time Performance	85%	85%	83%	82%									83%

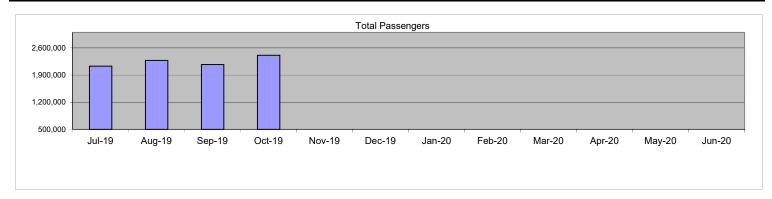


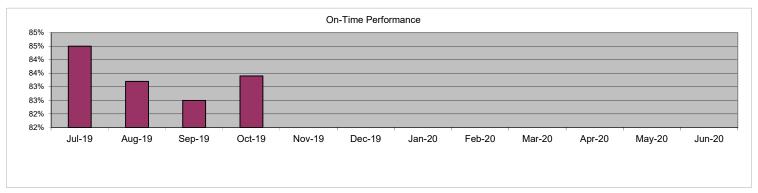




# MTS Contract Services Ramp Deployment Report FY 20

	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Total
Total Passengers	2,130,840	2,278,839	2,173,872	2,410,495									8,994,046
On-Time Performance	85%	83%	83%	83%									83%







# San Diego Trolley Lift Deployment Report FY 20

Total - All Lines	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Total
Total Passengers	3,441,671	3,399,654	3,422,789	3,551,944									13,816,058
On-Time Performance	93%	93%	94%	91%									93%

