



GMNC Public Services Committee Meeting
May 12, 2021
6:30-8:00pm
Zoom Meeting

Minutes

1. Covid-19 Vaccine Check-in
 - i. Everybody's been able to get vaccine appointments!
 - ii. Coming off next month!
 - iii. Make sure to take a photo of your vaccine card!
2. MBTA Fare Transformation (Matthew Skelly)
 - i. In Minneapolis they have a new LRT system that has kiosks where you can buy tickets, and then people occasionally come around and check. But when someone (in this case someone in a wheelchair) refused to pay or get off they just threw the person and the wheelchair right out. How would the T handle it?
 - ii. We don't like the idea of throwing people off the train. It's a tough job to ask people whether they've paid. Currently it seems like the MBTA's unspoken policy right now is basically to let people ride as long as they're not causing a problem.
 - iii. We're concerned that if it's just regular T personnel checking fares that they'll get clowned and disrespected.
 - iv. We don't like fare boxes in unprotected locations. Could these boxes be imbedded in buildings so they don't get stolen?
 - v. Seems like it would make sense to have vendors in ALL the stores that sell lottery tickets. Plus American Food Basket. How about also putting them in Police Stations?

Could be a little controversial, but it would be a good 24/7 option. How about in banks? Also very safe. It's really important that they're secure.

- vi. Will a component of the program be to be able to pay by phone? Presumably if you can pay for parking with an app you could reload your Charlie Card with an app.
3. Community Clear Air Grant (Matthew Skelly)
 - i. Crack down on vehicles that are clearly burning oil? What about nail salons?
 - ii. Maybe Hicks Autobody on Talbot? Irene to check into it and get back to Matt
 - iii. We'd like to see the air sensors in parks (Almont Park, but other parks generally, too) and at Bus Stations and in schools!
 4. Fireworks Task Force (Barbara Crichlow)
 - i. Prohibit billboard advertisements
 - ii. There needs to be more public outreach about the fact that fireworks are illegal.
 - iii. The motorbike issue is sort of similar – maybe people just don't know they're illegal.
 5. Updates on ongoing items:
 - i. Cummins Highway Pilot Project
 - ii. Blue Hill Avenue Transportation Action Plan
 - iii. American Legion Highway Project
 6. New Items? - please email Matt in advance if possible

Ongoing Items Tabled until Future notice:

1. Emergency Services Event
2. Colorado/Itasca Streets Slow Streets Application (42 Almont crosswalk)
3. Liquor licenses
4. PLAN Mattapan
5. Savannah/Monterey Residents Only Parking Update (Dennis Roach)
6. AARP Livable Communities