

Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC)  
Minutes  
April 18, 2017

In Attendance: Cathy Bell; Gina Barbara; Ed Molloy; Mike Godino; Sandy Probert

Absent: Therése Brzezinski; Hari Dhoundiyal; Robert Schoenfeld; Kelly McClean

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes from March meeting were acceptance.

Old Business:

- No old business

Fixed Route Updates -- Jack Khzouz:

- Service reduction began Sunday April 9
- The new Articulated Buses are running on the N6 route, Signage has been placed in the Hempstead terminal to direct riders to the Jackson Ave boarding location.
- As a result of the budget deficit, The Rockville Centre facility has been closed.
- All the buses are in Michell Field and there is room for 25 more buses.
- NICB will provide transportation for the Games for the Physically Challenged. NICE will use the shuttle buses. NICE has registered 80 volunteers to date.
- NICE is working with the state Legislature for more money from the MTA tax.
- Discussion about update to signage in Mineola
- Discussion about the stops at Nassau Community Collage

Able Ride Updates – Sudesh Desilva

- Reviewed statistics for TIC and Able Ride.
- The Taxi Pilot is up and running, currently providing 45 trips per day. NICE is still working things out, they hope to have better data in 60 days. Discussion on criteria: under 5 miles, no mobility devices and
- There were issues on the Easter holiday as a result of call-outs.
- As a result of the fixed route cuts, Able Ride has more drivers and has cut 8 Super Shuttles.
- Discussion about mats in buses, too much expense, will not be provided.
- Discussion about how it is determined who gets a sadden vs a bus.
- RFP went out for the purchase of saddens, there were no bids, the whole process must start over.
- Discussion regarding the ability of making it easier to purchase tickets, e.g. supermarkets, can convenient stores.
- A request was made for volunteers to sit on the Appels Committee.

Public comment:

None

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.  
Next TAAC Meeting: June 20, 2017