



DATE: JULY 10, 2017

MEMO TO: HERITAGE VALLEY POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HVPAC)

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SUBJECT: FIXED ROUTE SCHEDULE CHANGES AND GENERAL PUBLIC DIAL-A-RIDE RESERVATION POLICIES

RECOMMENDATION

- Approve implementation of the draft Fixed Route schedule changes
- Approve the updated General Public Dial-a-ride reservation policies

BACKGROUND

At the last HVPAC meeting, the Committee approved the draft fiscal year 2017/2018 budget which included a reduction of the Fixed Route service level and an increase to the General Public Dial-a-ride service as well as changes to the General Public Dial-a-ride (DAR) service area eligibility. Staff was then directed to work with the Heritage Valley Technical Advisory Committee (HVTAC) and return to the HVPAC with draft schedules for the Committee's review.¹ The HVTAC met June 5, 2017, and approved for recommendation the attached Fixed Route service changes. The changes to fixed route service levels were based on ridership, and specifically whether or not the route in question routinely performed above or below the threshold of 7.6 passengers per hour.² Similarly, the HVTAC reviewed and recommended for approval the attached changes to the DAR reservation policies.

Pursuant to the HVTSC Cooperative agreement, enclosed are the draft changes for HVPAC for approval. The recommendation by the HVTAC is for the HVPAC to approve these changes. The proposed the implementation is beginning August 16, 2017.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Draft August Fixed Route Schedules

Attachment B – Draft General Public Dial-a-ride Reservation Policies

¹ Per the Heritage Valley Transit Service Cooperative Agreement the TAC has discretion to modify up to 20% of the level of service, however, changes in excess of 20% shall be reviewed by the HVPAC. The August schedule change equates to approximately 50% change in the level of service.

² Goal of 7.6 passengers per hour is based on the ratio of passengers per hour necessary to achieve the TDA-mandated farebox recovery ratio. (HVPAC, Item #6, April 24, 2017).