



**Date:** April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Location:** Zoom

**Chairs:** Christopher Gordon, Jim Brown

## IN ATTENDANCE

Mezaun Lakha-Evin (AAN)

Jim Brown (Committee Advocate)

Dan Pederson (Committee Advocate)

Christopher Gordon (CNIB)

Colleen McGann (Committee Advocate)

Toni Freimark (Committee Advocate)

Brittany McFarlane (DDRC)

Jonathan van Heyst (Bike Calgary)

Tonia LaRiviere (City of Edmonton)

Renee Kirby (Calgary Alliance for The Common Good)

Ash Mithani (CTA)

Levi Nilson (AAN)

Meri Topchieva (AAN)

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

## CALGARY ALLIANCE FOR THE COMMON GOOD – RENEE KIRBY

- Presentation discussing how climate change and disability intersect. Renee is looking for support and input about perspectives surrounding how climate change affects everyone, including persons with disabilities, differently. If



anyone seems interested in connecting with Renee, please email her at: [renee@calgarycommongood.org](mailto:renee@calgarycommongood.org) (403-466-6885).

## CTA UPDATE FEBRUARY

- Total trips provided in February – 49, 907
- On-time performance – Target is 93% and the average is 94.17% throughout the month
- Cost per trip vs Budget for February is \$37.17 for Budget expectations and they budgeted under \$34.39
- Calls answered – 15750
- Delay - 0.31
- Web Users – 621 users
- At Fault concerns – 25

## UPDATE FROM FAIR CALGARY COMMUNITY VOICES

- Some members are attending the city information sessions next month and they have been invited to raise some concerns on transit issues. The talks are about safety in transit and how the pandemic has affected everyone, including seniors.
- After the city information meetings, they have booked one-on-one meetings with another representative from Calgary Transit to see what concerns are being brought forward and how to address them.

## UPDATE FROM BIKE CALGARY

- Have been invited to a book launch in the Calgary Public Library in early May. They will hold a presentation with a brief panel. Other organizations have also been invited to make presentations.
- Presentations will be on how shared pathways can be safe for everyone.
- Advocating the City of Calgary to remove the restrictions from taking a bicycle onto C-trains. Peak hour restrictions are currently in effect for mornings and afternoons.



- Many people with disabilities argue that using mobility devices is easier to use than walking, and it would help if they could take it with them while transiting.
- E-scooter problems are no longer being reported to 3-1-1. They are currently being reported to Calgary Transit.

## NEW BUSINESS: E-SCOOTER PRESENTATIONS

- We will invite 3-4 of the e-scooter representatives from across the province to the next meeting to discuss how they accommodate persons with disabilities.
- Companies in Calgary (Bird Canada) were given a 5-year permit for their e-scooter program, where the first year was a trial. There are now designated parking zones and there are fewer incidents than before. While incidents still occur, more companies have grown stricter.

## NATIONAL ACCESSABILITY AWARENESS WEEK PLAN

- We have sent letters to Mayors asking them for their support for awareness week, where they must 1) discuss it with the council 2) go to [barrierfreealberta.com](http://barrierfreealberta.com) and support us, and 3) talk about the initiative with others or book a 30-minute consultation with us. Four mayors have responded over the last week, we are expecting more to contact us over the next couple of weeks.
- Once we have a couple of videos together, we will edit them and use them not only for the upcoming awareness week campaign but also for future events.

## THE CITY OF CALGARY ADVISORY FOR ACCESSIBILITY

- Christopher and Jim are on the committee recommending how to make sidewalk patios safer. They are working on creating a set of guidelines where patios will be on a raised platform. They have recommended no more ramps; patios will be on raised platforms making the sidewalks more accessible. This has been adopted by City Council as of today.



## ACTION ITEMS:

- Please email Renee at [renee@calgarycommongood.org](mailto:renee@calgarycommongood.org) (403-466-6885).
- Meri will contact e-scooter companies for presentations in May.

## ADJOURNMENT

## NEXT MEETING:

Date: May 11th, 2022

Time: 11:00am – 1:00pm

Location: Zoom