

LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026
3:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Deb Wiese, Chair
J. Caleb Adams
Gloria Johnson-Cannon
George Hanley
Doug Lecato
Darrin Fowler

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeffrey Allshouse, Gill Lemonde, Diana Paiz, Leah March-Pons, Vice Chair, Erin Shannon, and Geneva Smith

CATA BOARD MEMBER: Kellie Blackwell

CATA PERSONNEL: Todd Brooks, Craig Frazier, Darren Horn, and Victoria Joseph

TRANSDEV PERSONNEL: Simone Moore

GUESTS: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wiese called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

APPROVAL OF AUGUST AGENDA

MOTION:

A motion to approve the August 2026 agenda was moved by Darrin Fowler and supported by Doug Lecato.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES

MOTION:

A motion to approve the June 2026 minutes was moved by Caleb Adams and supported by George Hanley.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

LAC CHAIR COMMENTS – Deb Wiese

None.

BOARD LIAISON REPORT – Kellie Blackwell

See attached

CATA CEO REPORT – Bradley Funkhouser

None

CATA DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT – Todd Brooks

Holiday Service

Todd Brooks stated that CATA's July 4th holiday service last month went well. He also stated that this will be the fourth year that CATA has provided limited holiday service and it has proven to be very successful.

MSU

Todd Brooks stated that MSU service will start on August 24, 2026. He noted that MSU's first football game is scheduled for Friday, September 4, 2026. Mr. Brooks further noted that once again, CATA and Spec-Tran will be providing bus shuttles to and from the game.

Canadian National Train

Todd Brooks stated that Canadian National (CN) railroad is honoring America's 250th Anniversary through the *America 250 Hometown Whistle Tour*. He explained that part of the tour will include a stop at the Multimodal Gateway/Amtrak Station in East Lansing on Tuesday, August 18, 2026.

Events

Todd Brooks stated that CATA's Operations and Marketing Departments will collaborate and participate in several events in August including:

- Williamston's 17th Annual Night Out – Tuesday, August 4, 2026
- National Night Out/Touch a Truck – Saturday, August 8, 2026
- Ingham County Fair – Monday, August 3 through Saturday, August 8, 2026
- Lansing Housing Commission's 5th Annual Backpack Giveaway – Saturday, August 15, 2026

New Class of Operators

Todd Brooks stated that CATA currently has a class of six (6) operators in training and another class will start on Monday, August 24, 2026. He also stated that the Operations Department, along with ATU officers, have finished updating CATA's Work Rules.

Chair Wiese inquired about upcoming service changes.

Todd Brooks commented on upcoming service changes including CATA's Route 1 late-night service.

Craig Frazier stated that CATA will extend the Connector route to accommodate Route 46 (Mason Connector) and 48 (Williamston/Webberville Connector) passengers who still use these routes to access downtown.

LAC members thanked Mr. Brooks and Mr. Frazier for providing excellent service to the community during the holidays.

PARATRANSIT OPERATIONS MANAGER – Craig Frazier

News

Craig Frazier stated that CATA will be retiring four (4) Redi-Ride buses and gaining five (5) new Spec-Tran cutaway buses. He also stated that Paratransit recently hired a new representative who began training this week. The new hire will be replacing Ron Taylor, who retired this past May.

New Paratransit MyRide App

Craig Frazier stated that LAC members along with members of the community will begin testing the new Paratransit MyRide app before going live. He explained that CATA has been meeting with Trapeze weekly to reconfigure the entire app.

Mason Redi-Ride

Craig Frazier stated that the Mason Redi-Ride service will be replaced by CATA's Rural Services (CRS) starting August 24, 2026. He noted that this change will allow CATA to provide service hours Monday through Friday and add Saturday rural service.

Craig Frazier commended Mr. Brooks for his leadership and work on CATA's Operations Department's budget.

Doug Lecato inquired about the Operations Department's budget.

Todd Brooks stated that as of right now, the Operations Department is under budget, and he expects it to stay on target by the end of the year.

TRANSDEV – Simone Moore

Simone Moore stated that Transdev continues to make safety a priority and will focus on back-to-school securement procedures. She also stated that Transdev's Human Resources Department has had a lot of success in their recruiting efforts and will be hosting in-person job fairs. The first job fair is scheduled for August 13, 2026. She further noted that Transdev is close to reaching full staffing levels for operators and will continue to recruit certified mechanics.

SERVICE QUALITY SUBCOMMITTEE (SQS) – Erin Shannon

See attached

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chair Wiese requested a motion to reappointment George Hanley to a new three-year term.

MOTION:

A motion to approve George Hanley's reappointment to a new three-year term was moved by Doug Lecato and supported by J. Caleb Adams.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

Chair Wiese nominated J. Caleb Adams to Chair the Nominating Committee for Chair and Vice-Chair elections in October and he accepted.

MEMBER COMMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Gloria Johnson-Cannon stated that Lansing's Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) office has moved from the Lansing School District's (LSD) Welcome Center to the LSD's Technical Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wiese requested a motion to adjourn.

MOTION:

A motion to adjourn was moved by Darrin Fowler and supported by Gloria Johnson-Cannon.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Wiese adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darren Horn
Paratransit Operations Supervisor

Victoria Joseph
Operations Administrative Assistant