



Marshall Dial-A-Ride Transit (DART)
and the
Albion-Marshall Connector (AMC)
Local Advisory Council (LAC) Meeting

Tuesday Dec. 19, 2023

Marshall House Library

2:00 PM

Minutes of annually scheduled LAC meeting held in the Library at Marshall House, 200 E. Spruce St., Marshall, MI 49068 on Dec 19, 2023.

Present: Member	Isadore Caserez
Member	Verla Potts
MDOT Liason	Paul LaRose
Calhoun County Senior Services Manager	Rod Auton
Administrative Contract Manager	Matthew McKee

Meeting was called to order at 2:02 PM

A brief explanation of MDOT requirements for LAC meeting was given by Paul. Staff provided copies of the 2022 LAC meeting minutes. Council members read over the report. Motion by CCSS Manager Rod Auton, supported by member Isadore Caserez to approve minutes from December 7, 2022 scheduled meeting.

A copy of Marshall's updated "Accessibility Plan" was reviewed, approved and discussed in detail that covered sections 1-15. Fare structure and service area have not changed since our last meeting but our service availability was reduced. A concern was raised about availability being no later than 3:30PM. The last scheduled pick-up time is 3:30.

Council members reviewed ridership numbers for both Marshall DART and the Abion-Marshall Connector. These numbers have decreased due to reduced service hours. Free Wednesday was briefly discussed and there have been no changes to the funding organizations since our last meeting.

Staff updated Council members on Current DART staffing. A contract is now in place between the City of Marshall and Battle Creek Transit for a full time Administrative

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Contract Manager. DART currently has eight part time staff: two dispatchers and six drivers.

Comments from LAC Members:

Council member Isadore Casarez mentioned being too heavy to ride DART with his new power chair. Staff informed him that this will be investigated.

Council member Verla Potts made a suggestion for specific designated pick up times at Marshall house to common drop off locations. A discussion about if and how it would work determined it may not be reasonable.

CCSS Manager Rod Auton asked if DART collected feedback data on any other platform. Staff informed him that they do not at this time.

LAC members had no further comments; Ms. Potts made the motion to adjourn the meeting, supported by Mr. Casarez at 3:13PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Isadore Casarez', written over a horizontal line.

Isadore Casarez

LAC Chairperson