

CHARGE TO SENIOR ADULTS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

PURPOSE

Purpose of the Local Advisory Council (hereafter referred to as LAC) is to:

The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment of policies which allocate public resources to provide transit services in the Ann Arbor area. The AATA Board recognizes a particular need for citizen input, review and comment with regard to service for senior adults and persons with disabilities. In carrying out its responsibilities to provide service for senior adults and persons with disabilities, it is the desire of the AATA Board to establish a formal charge to the senior adults and persons with disabilities Local Advisory Council. The following charge establishes the functions, membership criteria, and the relationship of the Council to the AATA.

FUNCTIONS

- I. To provide input, review and comment on the Vehicle Accessibility Plan as required by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).
- II. To generate discussion, interpretation, and recommendations to the Board regarding any senior adults and persons with disabilities related issues of a significant nature.
- III. To work with the AATA staff as directed by the AATA Board toward the achievement of the organization's goals and objectives.
- IV. To report regularly to the AATA Board of Directors the activities, actions and recommendations of the Council.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the LAC shall consist of no less than six (6) nor more than ten (10) members appointed by the Board with at least two (2) members being persons sixty (60) years of age or older and at least two (2) persons being transit challenged. The remaining members may consist of representatives of human services agencies, civic organizations and others who have an interest in public transportation services, but who are not employees of the AATA. In addition, one (1) additional member will represent the Area Agency on Aging 1-B.

The Executive Committee members shall serve for a two (2) year term and may be reappointed for one (1) additional two (2) year term after which an interval of one (1) year must pass before a member is eligible again for appointment. All Executive Committee members shall be residents within the AATA service area (Washtenaw County), or be an agency representative whose agency serves residents of Washtenaw County. A member of the Executive Committee shall be elected Chairperson by majority vote of the Executive Committee in October for each year and shall report to the AATA Board on behalf of the LAC.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Any individual who wishes to participate in the business of the LAC is eligible to become an LAC member after attending two (2) LAC meetings. Membership will continue as long as the individual attends one (1) meeting per year. Membership may be revoked by a majority vote of the Executive Committee for a pattern of violation of the LAC Code of Conduct.

LIAISON AND SUPPORT

An AATA Board member shall be appointed by the Board Chair to attend LAC meetings and to serve as a liaison between the LAC and the AATA Board.

The AATA Executive Director shall designate a staff member who will:

- Attend LAC meetings and be responsible for minutes, recordkeeping and mailing of notices and minutes.
- Secure monthly meeting facilities and assure transportation for Committee members.
- Provide the LAC voting members with AATA Board packets and other relevant information.

ADOPTED: 1982

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