

NOTICE & AGENDA OF THE VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING OF THE VIA ACCESSIBLE TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021 AT 4:00 P.M

Statement to Public Regarding VIA Virtual Meetings

This meeting of the VIA Accessible Transit Advisory Committee (Committee) will be conducted as an audio/videoconference meeting (only) at 4:00 pm on Thursday, March 11, 2021. In keeping with proper social distancing measures in order to slow the spread of COVID-19 and avoid meetings that bring many people into congregate settings, the Committee will not meet in person. Instead, this videoconference committee meeting will be conducted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act as temporarily modified and suspended by the Office of the Governor on March 16, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated declarations of emergency.

Accessing the Virtual Meeting:

This committee meeting will be held via Zoom. Members of the public may access this meeting via the free-ofcharge video conference link or by calling one of the toll-free numbers provided.

Meeting Link: https://zoom.us/j/95799836067

Toll Free Numbers:

iPhone one-tap US:

- 1-346-248-7799 plus ext. code 95799836067#
- 1-253-215-8782 plus ext. code 95799836067#

<u>Telephone (US)</u>: Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

- 1-346-248-7799; or
- 1-669-900-6833; or
- 1-253-215-8782; or
- 1-312-626-6799; or
- 1-929-205-6099; or
- 1-301-715-8592

Webinar ID: 957 9983 6067

International numbers available: https://zoom.us/u/acUvhkbjnu

Public Comments:

Members of the public who wish to address the Board during the Citizens to Be Heard portion of the meeting may do so by registering to speak online or by phone.

- **CLICK HERE** to register online;
- Call **210-380-0942** to register by phone. When registering by phone, registrants may leave a message stating their name, contact information and the subject(s) on which they wish to address the Committee.

Registration to speak opens Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, 2021.

The Committee meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. on March 11, 2021. Each registrant will be invited to speak in the order of registration.

- Please note that registrants <u>will not</u> receive an individual confirmation notice nor a special link to access the meeting. Registrants are to use the information provided in this notice to access the meeting. (See Accessing the Virtual Meeting.)
- Any registrant who does not timely request to address the Committee will not be allowed to speak. Each person must be available to speak when called or will lose the opportunity to address the Committee.

A recording of this meeting will be made available to the public.

1. Call to Order

2. Announcements

3. Citizens to be Heard

NOTE: Each speaker is allowed a maximum of three minutes to address the Committee during the Citizens to Be Heard portion of the meeting or prior to the Committee's consideration of an item. Speakers are requested to first state their names and any organization(s) they represent.

4. Approval of December 16, 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes

- 5. **VIAtrans Virtual Workshop Summary** For information and discussion regarding the VIAtrans Workshop held on January 28.
- 6. **Bus Stop Accessibility Pilot Project with NaviLens** For information and discussion regarding the pilot program focused on improving transit accessibility for blind and visually impaired riders.

- 7. **Committee Community Liaison Membership** For information and discussion regarding the process for selecting community liaison members.
- 8. **COVID-19 Safety Initiatives and Impact on Riders with Disabilities** For information and discussion regarding VIA's response to the safety measures impacting our riders with disabilities.
- 9. **Paratransit Vehicle Purchase Update** For information and discussion regarding the purchase of new paratransit service vehicles.
- 10. **COVID-19 Initiatives VIA Cares** For information and discussion regarding programs and initiatives from VIA on COVID-19 matters.
- 11. *Legal Briefing
- 12. Adjourn

NOTE: Whenever open meeting policies provide for a closed session in matters concerning legal advice, real estate, contracts, personnel, or security, the Board may find a closed session to be necessary. For the convenience of the citizens interested in an item preceded by an asterisk (*), notice is given that a closed session is contemplated.