

Public Works & Transportation BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Erika Pierce

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1:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Matthew Dudley (remote), Christine McMurdy (remote) and Harold Sigüenza (remote); PLANNING: Blanca Lopez, Craig Lader (remote) and Alana Wagner; BOL: Lisa Hochman (remote), Warren Watson (remote) and Dayana Gómez-Holguín

Present: Legislator Pierce, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Williams

Remote: Legislator Barr

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 11:00am

No voting quorum present

2. Monday, March 4, 2024 at 1:00pm

No voting quorum present

3. Monday, April 8, 2024 at 1:00pm

No voting quorum present

4. Monday, April 29, 2024 at 10:00am

No voting quorum present

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Overview on Microtransit and its feasibility in Westchester County

Guests:

Commissioner Blanca Lopez & Director of Planning Transportation Craig Lader
Department of Planning

Christine McMurdy, Project Management Coordinator, and Matthew Dudley, Transit Manager
City of Goodyear, Arizona

Microtransit is on-demand shared public transit. The Cities of Goodyear and Avondale in Arizona created a joint Microtransit pilot program called WeRide. Representatives from Goodyear and Avondale spoke about their initiative, which was created to facilitate access to a variety of destinations for their residents, such as doctor appointments and recreational activities. They additionally shared that the system benefited the local economy, better allowing individuals to shop, dine and work locally. They provided an overview on their process, including their Request for Proposal (RFP) application and shared their dashboard for customer reviews, among other ridership data and its value.

Commissioner Lopez stated that the department is currently in the research stage for a potential pilot program for Microtransit in Westchester. Much of the information Westchester has gathered aligned with what the guests shared in their presentation. Mr. Lader explained that Westchester has a very successful fixed-route system and is looking to bring Microtransit in as an alternate means of transportation for areas that do not have accessibility to public transportation, and not to replace the entire fixed route system.

II. OTHER BUSINESS**III. RECEIVE & FILE****ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Legislator Barr, the Committee adjourned at 2:32pm.