

PATH Rider's Council Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2015 – 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Special Meeting on Access

Journal Square Transportation Center

ATTENDEES (PRC MEMBERS):

1. Philip Burford
2. Ralph Jimenez
3. Terry Karney
4. Anthony Lupena
5. Stewart Mader
6. Thomas Miller
7. Noreen Redden
8. Sridhar Shankar

ATTENDEES (STAFF):

1. Linda Doss (Special Services Asst., PATH - Operations Support)
2. Jessica Mills (Coord. of Marketing and Customer Service Programs, PATH - Operations Support)

***** This special meeting was held at the request of the PRC, with focus on access issues.**

Access focuses on ways to improve egress, step-free access, and ADA compliance so that the PATH system is accessible to all riders, including those with assistive devices, strollers, and bicycles.

MINUTES

I. PATH – Welcome

- Jessica Mills opened up by thanking members for attending and kicked off discussions. Stewart Mader made a presentation to the group entitled “PATH Access”, which served as guidance for the discussion.

During this one-hour session, the PRC discussed the following items, and asked that PATH consider them and be able to address at the next regular bi-monthly meeting on November 18.

They include:

- Explore the feasibility of replacing metal gates at 14th, 23rd, and JSQ with an additional wide gate to improve access for passengers with bikes, luggage, and strollers
- If space is not sufficient for an additional wide gate, explore feasibility of replacing metal gate + adjacent existing turnstile with wide gate
- PRC suggests that wide gates would not be labeled for disabled access. Instead they could potentially be labeled for bike, luggage, stroller access since these stations do not contains ADA-accessible entrances and elevators
- Grove Street – PRC would like to confirm wide gates part of elevator access project
- For November meeting, the PRC like PATH to provide initial feedback on this idea. Does it appear feasible from a technical, legal, and cost standpoint? Could implementation start with a pilot in one station?
- Discussion took place regarding PATH's photography policy, and possibility of the PRC making official request for the PA to evaluate for possible amendments to it.

Other Items

- 33rd Street - Add MTA elevator at 34th to PATH Map, station signage?
- Explore feasibility of increasing grab bars in PA-5 cars so standing passengers during peak periods have more options to hold on
- Explore possibly adding handrails in elevators
- Explore possibility of sending PATH alerts when elevators are out of service
- For November meeting, the PRC like PATH to provide initial feedback on these as well. Do they appear feasible from a technical, legal, and cost standpoint?

Next Steps – Moving Forward

The meeting was adjourned and the PRC was assured that these items would all be addressed at the November meeting.