



Detroit Department of Transportation Local Advisory Council Bylaws

These bylaws govern the organization and operations of the Detroit Department of Transportation Local Advisory Council (“LAC”), an unincorporated advisory body established in accordance with Michigan Public Act 51 of 1951, as amended, being M.C.L. § 247.651 et seq.

ARTICLE I: NAME AND OFFICES

Section 1.1: Name

The official name of the LAC is the “Detroit Department of Transportation Local Advisory Council.”

Section 1.2: Office

The principle office of the LAC is DDOT’s Administrative Office located at 100 Mack, Detroit, Michigan 48201.

Section 1.3: Definitions

For the purpose of these Bylaws, the following terms have the meaning provided herein:

- A. “Older Adults” means persons who are sixty-five (65) years of age or older.
- B. “Persons with Disabilities” means persons who have disabilities, as set forth in Michigan Administrative Code R. 247.4101(m).
- C. “Mayor” means the Mayor of the City of Detroit.
- D. “City Council” means the City Council of the City of Detroit.
- E. “Detroit Area Agency on Aging” means the designated area agency on aging for the City of Detroit.

ARTICLE II: AUTHORITY

Section 2.1: Purpose The purpose of the DDOT LAC is:

- A. To review and comment upon DDOT Section 10E plans to provide demand actuated services for Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities prior to DDOT’s submission of such plans for approval by the Michigan Department of Transportation (“MDOT”).
- B. To review and comment upon DDOT’s Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility plan and related documents.



- C. To review and advise DDOT on proposed changes to policies that pertain to or otherwise affect Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities prior to their adoption by DDOT.
- D. To advise DDOT on the impact of proposed changes to service levels and fares on Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities.
- E. To advise DDOT on transit related issues that may pertain to or otherwise affect Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities.

Section 2.2: Authority

The LAC is authorized to perform activities necessary to serve its purpose, as stated herein.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 3.1: Composition

The LAC shall be composed of nine (9) Members, with at least one (1) Member being a resident of each of the seven (7) City Council Districts and two (2) at large Members, who shall represent the Detroit Area Agency on Aging. At least half of the LAC membership must be composed of Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities. The remainder of the LAC membership must represent social services organizations or governmental agencies that serve Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities.

Section 3.2: Approval

The LAC will interview candidates identified in the LAC Candidate Report and select a member to fill a vacancy or replace an existing member. The DDOT Executive Director of Transit formally signs the appointment letter based on the LAC's selection.

Section 3.3: Terms

Memberships are for a term of four (4) years. No Member may be appointed for more than two (2) consecutive complete terms. Members' terms shall be staggered, such that approximately half of the membership is appointed every two (2) years.

Section 3.4: Removal

A Member may be removed from the LAC by either the DDOT Executive Director of Transit or the LAC for cause. A Member's unexcused absence from any two (2) consecutive LAC meetings can constitute cause for removal.

Section 3.5: Vacancies



Any vacancy on the LAC is filled by appointment of new Member in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 3.2 herein, who will serve for the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacant position. For the purposes of term limits, appointment to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term of two (2) years or less do not constitute a complete term.

Section 3.6. Compensation

LAC members shall receive a paratransit round trip voucher or a fixed-route Dart 24-hour fare pass as reasonable compensation for the cost of traveling on official LAC business.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Section 4.1: Officers The Officers of the LAC consist of a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, and a Secretary, each of whom must be a Member of the LAC. No single Member may serve in more than any one Officer position at any given time.

Section 4.2. Term of Office

The term of office for each of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary is two (2) years. A Member may serve in any given Office for no more than two (2) consecutive terms.

Section 4.3: Election

The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary will be elected by the members during the first LAC meeting following each biennial appointment of new Members. Each Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary, and all voting must be conducted by secret ballot.

During the election, the Members will first elect the Chairperson, who shall be the Member receiving the highest number of votes cast. Upon election of the Chairperson, the Members shall elect the Vice-Chairperson, who shall be the Member, other than the Chairperson, receiving the highest number of votes cast.

Upon election of the Vice-Chairperson, the Members shall elect the Secretary, who shall be the Member, other than the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, receiving the highest number of votes cast.



If multiple Members each receive the highest number of votes for any given Officer position, a run-off election amongst only those Members having received the highest number of votes will be held.

Section 4.4: Duties

The duties of the Officers are:

- A. The Chairperson is responsible for:
 - a. setting the schedule for LAC meetings;
 - b. establishing the agenda for each LAC meeting, upon consultation with the Vice-Chairperson;
 - c. chairing each LAC meeting;
 - d. appointing Members to LAC committees;
 - e. serving as liaison between the LAC and DDOT; and
 - f. representing the LAC at events and activities.

- B. The Vice-Chairperson is responsible for:
 - a. consulting with the Chairperson on LAC meeting agendas; and
 - b. discharging the duties of the Chairperson in the event of the Chairperson's absence or inability to discharge its duties.

- C. The Secretary is responsible for:
 - a. taking minutes of LAC meetings;
 - b. maintaining the official attendance record of Members at LAC meetings; and
 - c. maintaining documents, correspondence, and other records of the LAC

Section 4.5: Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee is composed of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, and one (1) at-large Member. The at-large Member is appointed to the Executive Committee by the Chairperson. The purpose of the Executive Committee is to oversee the management of the LAC and to make recommendations to the LAC membership regarding issues within its authority.

Section 4.6: Ad Hoc Committees

The Chairperson may at its discretion establish an ad hoc committee to study a specific issue pertinent to the purpose of the LAC and provide recommendations regarding that issue to the LAC membership. In establishing an ad hoc committee, the Chairperson shall identify (A) the purpose and goals of the committee, (B) the



Members who are appointed to the committee, and (C) the period during which the committee is authorized to perform its goals and provide its recommendations.

Section 4.7: Staff

Upon request by the Chairperson and approval by the DDOT Executive Director of Transportation, the LAC may utilize staff assistance of DDOT personnel to the extent that may be necessary to execute activities within its authority.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Section 5.1: Meetings

The LAC must hold at least four (4) meetings per year on a quarterly basis. Up to three (3) of these meetings may be held at DDOT's administrative office, transit facilities, virtually. At least one (1) meeting each year must be held at a location in the City to be determined by the Chairperson and to be rotated among the City Council districts.

Section 5.2: Quorum

A quorum of Members is required for the conduct of business at meetings. A quorum must consist of at least five (5) Members then serving.

Section 5.3: Voting

Unless otherwise stated herein, actions taken by the LAC are subject to approval by vote of the Members. Proposed actions may be approved only with the support of a majority of the Members present, but in no case fewer than four (4) Members.

Section 5.4: Recommendations

Recommendations to DDOT. In order to submit a formal recommendation to DDOT, the LAC shall adhere to the following procedure:

- A. The LAC shall approve submission of a proposed recommendation to the DDOT Executive Director of Transit.
- B. As part of its submission, the LAC shall request DDOT to comment upon such proposed recommendation prior to the LAC's next meeting.
- C. The LAC shall consider DDOT's comments in any action to approve its proposed recommendation or a modification of its proposed recommendation.



D. Upon approval of a formal recommendation, the LAC shall submit such recommendation to the DDOT Executive Director of Transit.

Section 5.5: Minutes

The LAC must keep minutes of its actions and other proceedings at its meetings, and upon approval by the LAC at the subsequent meeting, shall cause such minutes to be distributed to the Mayor and the City Council.

Section 5.6: Open Meetings

All meetings of the LAC must be conducted in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, being M.C.L. § 15.261 et seq.

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENTS

Section 6.1: Amendments.

These bylaws, and any Amendments hereto, may be approved only by the affirmative vote of a majority of all LAC Members then serving. Every amendment must identify the specific existing or new sections of these Bylaws that are subject to revision or inclusion by the amendment. Upon approval of an amendment, the LAC shall cause such amendment to be distributed to the DDOT Executive Director of Transit.

Section 6.2: Severability

These bylaws and all amendments hereto are subject to Michigan Public Act 51 of 1951, the ordinances of the City of Detroit, among other state and local laws, regulations, and orders. If any article, section, or other provision of these bylaws, as amended, is found by an appropriate authority to be in violation of such applicable law or otherwise invalid, such provision shall be severed from these bylaws, the remainder of which shall continue in effect and shall be construed so as to enable the LAC to achieve its purpose as stated herein.

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