

Update for Select Board 4/21 meeting

I was planning to attend the meeting tonight to give you an update from the CCTA Board of Commissioners' last meeting regarding the CCTA bus drivers' strike but yesterday I did something to my knee and am not walking too good. Therefore, I'm giving you the update via email.

We are hoping the strike will not have a negative impact on our ridership with people finding alternate means of transportation. Hopefully, folks will go back to riding the bus. April ridership numbers should tell.

The Board has decided to do a debriefing of things done right and things done wrong from the strike and we felt hiring a facilitator to help with this would be the way to go. Also, the Board is going to take a more active role in the management and activities of CCTA while trying to walk the fine line of not becoming too involved. To that end we are forming an Operations Committee consisting of Board members, Union representatives, and outsiders (riders and others) to work on management issues, operational issues, union issues, safety issues, and human services issues. This will be an ongoing committee. Additionally, CCTA is creating an Employee Committee to focus on workplace enhancements and CCTA and the Union have agreed to participate in the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service's training program. Hopefully, these actions will result in a better understanding on both sides of all the issues involved and will prevent another strike from taking place.

Thank you and if you have any questions, please let me know or if you would like CCTA to come to one of your meetings, also let me know and I will arrange that.

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