

PUBLIC COMMENT RESPONSE

October 23, 2024



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Public Comment Preamble: The TARC Board values hearing from its customers, TARC employees and public at large. This Board will not respond in this meeting to any comments made at this time. However, TARC will post a response on TARC's website regarding the comments made by the following meeting. In addition, the TARC Board may assign the feedback or comments to be further examined by its subcommittees and, if warranted, further addressed by TARC.

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Mark Engle— Mr. Engle depends on TARC service (i.e., Routes 71/72 in Jeffersonville) to get him to and from work daily as he is visually impaired. He really appreciates TARC service and wants it to continue unchanged. TARC appreciates hearing from Mr. Engle and is hopeful it can keep most if not all of this service that Mr. Engle relies as it wrestles with its financial situation in the years to come.

Ameer Granger – Ms. Granger brought up TARC's financial situation and the extreme choices facing TARC and our community going forward about having to select either a ridership or coverage model. She found neither choice necessarily palatable. Ms. Granger would like TARC and our community to invest more in public transportation, like which has been done or is being proposed to be done in Cincinnati, Indianapolis or Nashville. TARC appreciates hearing from Ms. Granger and wishes to inform her that there is also discussion and examination of a third choice, which is a growth model, which requires additional revenue. However, the increase in revenue to implement this model would ultimately have to be approved by the voters through a referendum with the Metro Council approving that such measure be placed on the ballot in order for Jefferson County voters to consider it.