

Transportation Policy Council

July 26, 2024

Public Comments

I have public comments on vital and critical issues regarding the lack of transportation in Montgomery County for the Transportation Policy Council meeting on July 26th, 2024.

I have tried multiple times to contact my Commissioner Charlie Riley, County Judge Mark Keough, and his chief of Staff, Jason Millsaps, but they have failed to respond to my concerns and emails, so I am asking you for assistance.

I am asking for H-GAC to expand to public transit efforts in Montgomery County. What is currently in place is Brazos Transit District, which is VERY limited and doesn't go within the city limits / UZAs, and it fills up very quickly.

Suppose you live outside the city limits, like in rural Magnolia in Charlie Riley's Pct 2. There are NO, Zero, and zilch public transit options to get to downtown Conroe for Jury Duty, attend Commissioners Court, or other county business.

I am also in a wheelchair, and an Uber just from Downtown Conroe is \$30 and is not really wheelchair accessible. I have given low ratings and denied trips because of my wheelchair. \$30 one way / \$60 round trip is out of reach for the dirt floor poor, like myself.

I am asking for the H-GA C to specifically allocate additional funding for expanding public transit services in Montgomery County. Only some people have the health issues or nerves to drive, can afford to operate a car, or can move to a more desirable county with better leadership, like Inner Houston, where there are more buses with Metro to get around.

I urge the Transportation Policy Council to consider my comments and take necessary actions to improve public transit services in Montgomery County.

I appreciate your time and consideration of these important matters. Thank you, and have a great weekend.

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