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Homewood council to hear ClasTran proposal for replacing lost paratransit service



Service along Routes 39 and 42 through Homewood will stop between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning Dec. 22. BJCTA is making the change after Homewood City Council cut its annual payment to the transit authority by 50 percent. (AL.com file photo / Mike D. Smith msmith@al.com)



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HOMEWOOD, Alabama -- City council's finance committee on Monday will hear a separate paratransit company's proposal for filling the daily gap left by transit service cuts, the committee's chairman said.

Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority officials have said [they will reduce bus and paratransit service in the city on Dec.](#)

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Lakeshore Foundation hosted the Design4Disability Charrette on August 25, 2015 thanks to a grant from the National Center for Mobility Management. Community partners and advocate groups met to discuss ways to improve access to health and transportation for individuals with a disability.

A full media recap of the event is available on the following platforms:

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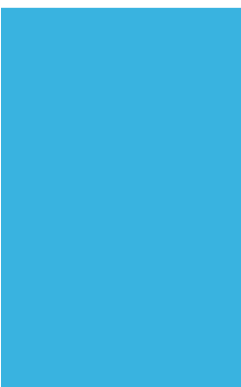
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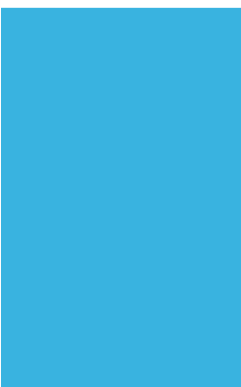
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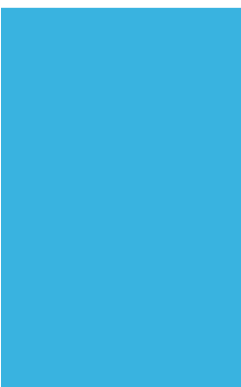
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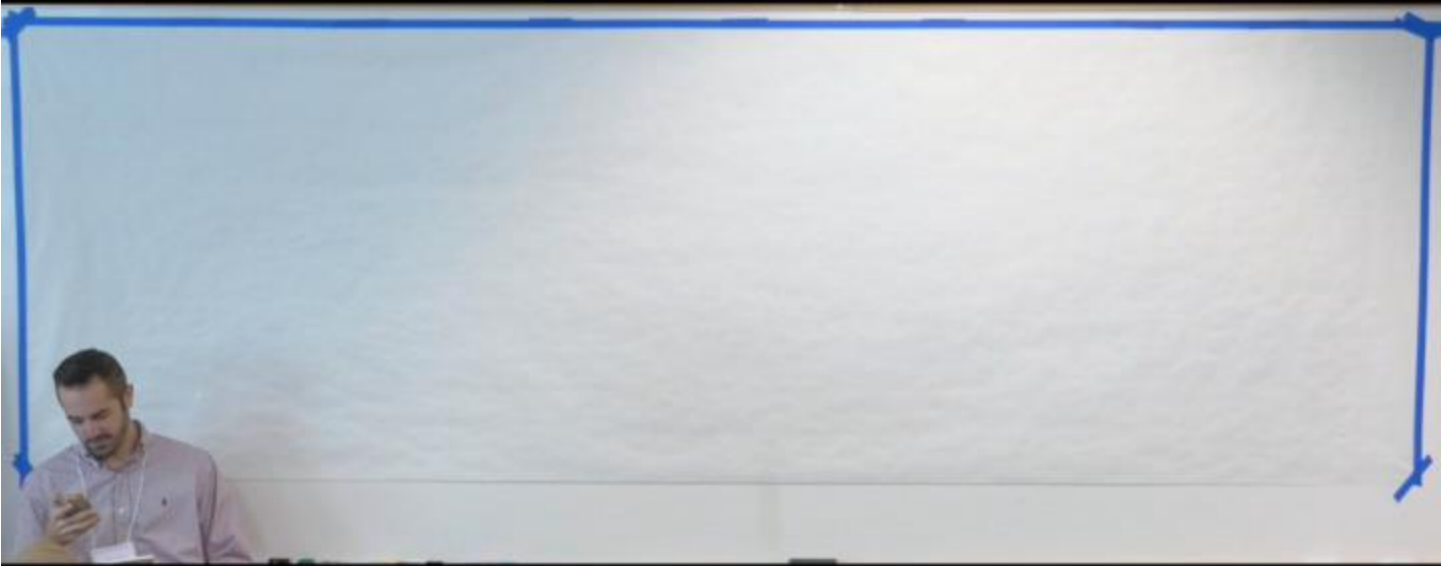
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August 25, 2015



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PARTNER ORGANIZATION DESIGN CHARRETTE SUMMARY REPORT



To synthesize is to combine a number of things, into a coherent whole. The overall challenge was to develop an Innovative Mobility Solutions to Health Care Services. The input we received from the four groups on August 25th and the subsequent facilitator review of the input, provides an excellent foundation for moving forward with our charge of developing solutions to address patient challenges in accessing primary and preventive care.

The failure to ensure that optimal, individual-level health is achievable for all can cause a community to experience an absence of health equity. Among people with disability (PWD), access to transportation is a major barrier to maintaining medical appointments and participating in health promoting behaviors. PWD are at a greater risk of experiencing health disparities than any other demographic group in the country. This design approach will begin to formulate a solution.



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THEMES THROUGHOUT ALL OF THE IDEAS

- Transportation Equity for People With Disabilities
- Easy | Accessible | Convenient
- Sector Coordination - Business, Medical, Land Use Transportation.
- Expansion of Transportation Options for All



Ann August out as BJCTA director



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Ann August

BJCTA

The Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority board Friday voted to accept Executive Director Ann August's retirement effective immediately, just days after [August announced she would be leaving when her contract ended in December.](#)

The five board members who were present voted to accept her resignation immediately. Barbara Murdock, the BJCTA's chief of s

BJCTA Board Chairman Patrick Sellers said the decision, though some have expressed co

"She is definitely not being forced out," Sellers said Friday morning.

Birmingham City Councilwoman Kim Ruff said she was disappointed in the board's decision to micromanaging and inappropriate conduct.

"I am particularly disappointed in the people of Birmingham on this board who failed this

She said she was infuriated, disgusted and

"This is the saddest day for the future of the

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Officials work on plan to keep MAX buses rolling in Fairfield despite \$400,000 in missed payments



Passengers ride the MAX No. 41 Fairfield route. (AL.com file photo / Mike D. Smith)

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Birmingham gets \$20 million TIGER grant for Bus Rapid Transit System

BY ABC 33/40 | FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH 2015



Federal Transit Administration Acting Administrator Therese McMillan today announced that the Department of Transportation will provide \$20 million in TIGER funds to support development of a 15-mile bus rapid transit system that will aid city-wide revitalization efforts in downtown Birmingham. (abc3340.com, File)

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Connecting Our Communities to Opportunities:

In selecting projects, Secretary Foxx prioritized the extent to which the proposed project strengthens access to opportunities through transportation improvements. The Department seeks to enhance long-term employment opportunities for all Americans by investing in transportation projects that better connect communities to centers of employment, education, and services, especially in economically distressed areas. Examples include:

- A \$10 million grant to develop complete streets and a linear park trail in Kalispell, Montana that will catalyze redevelopment in the heart of the community by relocating rail serving the neighboring industrial park and removing rail from the downtown area.
- A \$2.9 million grant to assist in the construction of critical roads and sidewalks in the Native Village of Point Hope, Alaska, and the purchase of ADA-compliant transit buses to provide accessible transportation throughout the community.
- A \$20 million grant to develop a new 15-mile bus rapid transit (BRT) line in Birmingham, Alabama, connecting Birmingham's residents, especially low-income citizens, to employment centers, educational opportunities, and community services.
- A \$15 million grant to more than double the existing streetcar system in Tacoma, Washington, better connecting the downtown to major employment, medical, education, and other institutions.
- A \$20.8 million grant to construct transit facilities in growing rural areas of Texas, and to buy replacement transit vehicles that will provide service to rural areas, and that will have improved safety and accessibility features for persons with disabilities.

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Uber planning Birmingham launch after ridesharing ordinance passes



Birmingham City Council President said he's very much in favor of bringing ridesharing companies to Birmingham, so long as they agree to some rules. (AL.com and AP photos)

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COURTESY UBER

BIRMINGHAM, Ala — Uber, the ridesharing company, will soon be available in Birmingham.

UBER APPROVED IN BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham City Council approved an ordinance for the ride-service Uber to operate in the Magic City



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HOMEWOOD LOOKING AT RIDE-SHARING ORDINANCE

Some Homewood city leaders know it's just a matter of time before rider-sharing companies, like Uber, are operating in the area, and they want Homewood to be ready when it happens.



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UBER TO OPERATE IN MOUNTAIN BROOK

The big push to get Uber to the Birmingham metro area is in high gear. Mountain Brook's City Council updated its transportation ordinance that allows ride-sharing companies like Uber to make rounds in that city.

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BIRMINGHAM COUNCIL MEETING CANCELED

A major Birmingham City Council meeting was



Tuesday, the Birmingham City Council approved an ordinance to allow the company to operate in the city.

The approval comes with a six-month trial period for Uber. Some councilors, however, are upset the ordinance does not include business license rules for Uber drivers.

It remains unknown when the company will start operating in Mountain Brook and Homewood.

As for the Magic City, drivers could soon start making their rounds by the end of the year.

"I've seen friends on Facebook that use it in other cities and they seem to like it," Rachel Roberts said.

Roberts is thrilled about Uber coming to Birmingham.

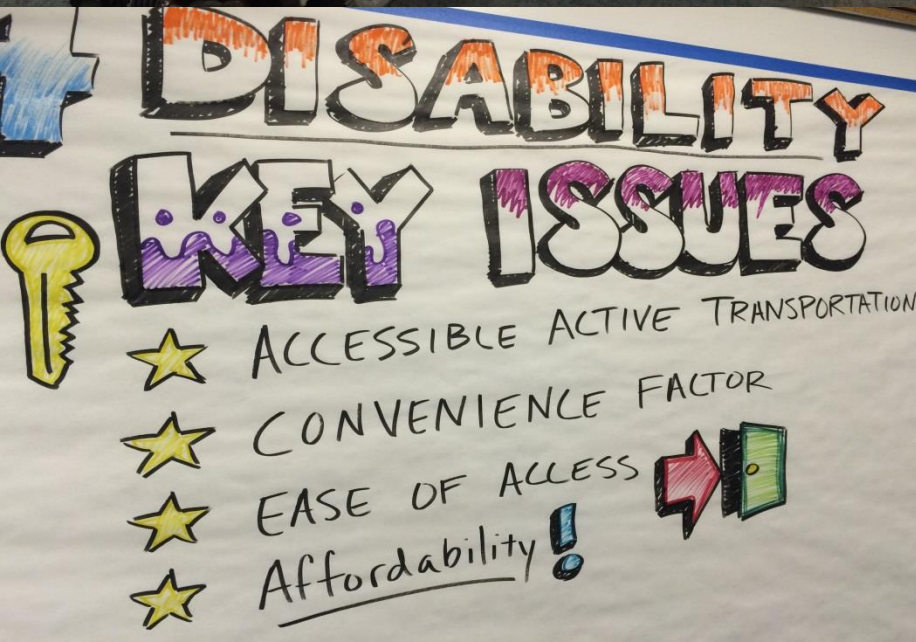
"Given the opportunity, I would use it over a cab. I just think it would be more personal and I heard it's more convenient too," Roberts said.

The process of getting an Uber ride somewhere should be simple. First, download the Uber app to your mobile smartphone. Once the app is downloaded and you've registered your account, your phone's GPS will detect your location and find the nearest Uber driver.

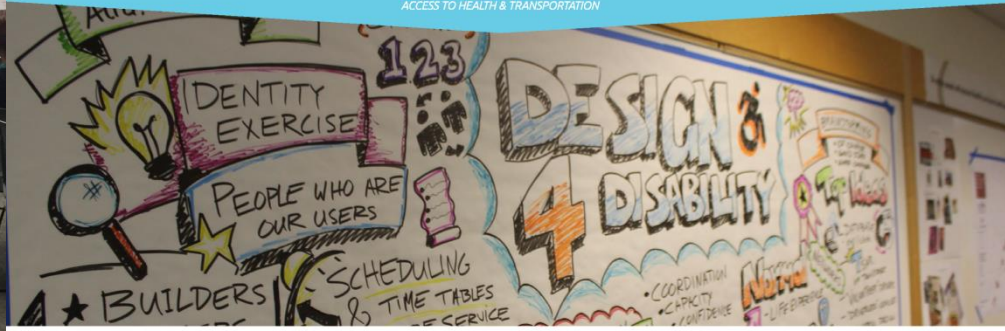
"The prices are set per minute per mile, and before riders even get into a vehicle, fare estimate is by quickly clicking a button saying where they're coming from and where they're going," Uber's general manager Tom Maguire said.

Maguire told WVTM 13 the help-wanted signs are out for drivers. Anyone interested will go through intense background checks.

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Do you have a disability?

If so, join us to discuss ways to improve access to health and transportation in your local area.

Lakeshore Foundation is hosting a Design4Disability Charrette thanks to a grant from the National Center for Mobility Management on December 1, 2015. We want you! Add your voice to the conversation regarding this important issue.



What is a Charrette you say?

A charrette (pronounced [shuh-ret]), is an intense period of design or planning activity. Charrettes serve as a way of quickly generating a design solution while integrating the skills and interests of a diverse group of people.

Be prepared to roll up your sleeves while working with others to brainstorm ideas and solutions in a creative way! This might include the use of magazines, bright colors, and most importantly thinking outside the box.



Join the fun!



\$25 gift card to the first 40 registrants.



Lunch will be provided.



**December 1, 2015
9 am - 4 pm**



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