

## **Rules for Public Speakers at Meetings of the North County Transit District**

Some public communications protocols at meetings of the North County Transit District have been modified and temporarily superseded with COVID-19 protocols as provided in the **COVID-19 PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT AND SPECIAL PROCEDURES** provided in this agenda.

Per Board policy, all public communications at meetings of the North County Transit District shall be made and received in accordance with the following procedures:

### **1. TELEPHONIC COMMENTS NOT ON AGENDA**

- A. Total time limit for telephonic comments:
  - Beginning of meeting: Fifteen (15) minutes
  - End of meeting: No time limit.
- B. Time limit per speaker per meeting: Three (3) minutes, with no donation of time allowed.
- C. Priority: First come, first served. Telephonic comments will be played for the Board of Directors in the order they were received.
- D. Order on agenda: Items will be heard at the beginning of the meeting and if the time limit stated in Paragraph A is exhausted, telephonic comments that were not allowed to be played for the Board of Directors at the beginning of the meeting due to time limit stated above, will be played at the end of the meeting. under “*Remaining Public Communications.*”

### **2. TIME LIMITS FOR ADDRESSING MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

- A. Total time limit: None.
- B. Time limit per speaker: Three (3) minutes, with one donation of three minutes, for a maximum of six minutes.
- C. These rules apply to both public hearing and non-public hearing items listed on the agenda.
- D. Comments made not germane to the subject matter of the agenda item being considered are out of order.

### **3. CUTOFF FOR TURNING IN SPEAKER SLIPS**

- A. All timely received telephonic comments will be shared with the Board of Directors during the meeting. The deadline to leave a telephonic comment is 12:00 p.m. on the meeting day.

### **4. MODIFICATION OF RULES BY CHAIR**

- A. The Board Chair may, in his or her absolute discretion, relax the requirements of these rules. However, a decision of the Chair to do so in one instance shall not be deemed a waiver of the rules as to any other instance or matter.