



# PUBLIC COMMENT RESPONSE

May 23, 2023

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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.

### Antonio Wilson

The TARC Board did hear from Mr. Wilson. We appreciate hearing from Mr. Wilson about his concerns regarding the safety on the buses and, more broadly, in the City of Louisville. TARC prides itself on having and creating a safe culture. TARC has had a Health/Safety Committee to address issues and concerns around safety for over two decades. The community survey results recently gathered indicate that TARC does a good job with safety with over 78% of TARC's customers stating that they feel safe aboard TARC. Nevertheless, TARC will continue to make safety a priority and strive to create a safe and secure environment for its customers and employees.

### Lillian Brents – Union President

The TARC Board did hear from Lillian Brents. Ms. Brents addressed concerns about employees' and riders' safety. She also expressed concerns regarding the internal working relationship between the Union and TARC Management. TARC prides itself on having and creating a safe culture. TARC has had a Health/Safety Committee to address issues and concerns around safety for over two decades, of which ATU members comprise half of the Committee. The community survey results recently gathered indicate that TARC does a good job with safety with over 78% of TARC's customers stating that they feel safe aboard TARC. Nevertheless, TARC has severe limitations in addressing guns being carried on its buses due to KRS 65.870. Despite this impediment, TARC is ready, willing and able to join ATU in any legislative advocacy to change this law if ATU commits to making such an initiative as part of its Kentucky General Assembly agenda. TARC will continue to work with ATU on issues and matters covered under the collective bargaining agreement. However, as has been stated repeatedly, in order to have a good working relationship with the Union President, there has to be respect and professionalism at all times. The continued personal attacks and unproductive commentary do not foster or engender a culture of which productive relationships can be built or sustained.