

Human Services Transportation Plan Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 17, 2013 – 12:00 PM

TCRPC Offices, 211 Fulton, Suite 207, Peoria, IL

Meeting Minutes

Welcome & Introductions

Maggie Martino called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. She welcomed Doug Manock, the new representative from the Fulton County board.

Roll Call: Present Not Present

Rural Area Subcommittee

- Debbie Daykin**, Marshall-Stark Transportation
- John Redlingschafer**, Tazewell County Board
- Andrew Rinehart**, Tazewell County Board
- Tom Howes**, Stark County Board
- Rex Lewis**, Fulton County Rural Transit (shared seat)
- Barb Long**, Fulton County Rural Transit (shared seat)
- Mary Patton**, AARP, Peoria County
- James Thompson**, Woodford County
- Kraig McCluskie**, Galesburg Transit
- Margaret Bent**, VNA Community Services
- John Hamann**, Rural Peoria County Link
- Travis McGlasson**, Marshall County Board
- Doug Manock**, Fulton County Board
(Open, Marshall County)
(Open, Woodford County)

Urbanized Area Subcommittee

- Ty Livingston**, City of East Peoria
- Renée Razo**, Central Illinois Agency on Aging
- Connie Schiele**, paratransit user
- John Williams**, Greater Peoria Mass Transit District (shared seat)
- Joe Alexander**, Greater Peoria Mass Transit District (shared seat)
- Jeannine McAllister**, Advocates for Access
- Dawn Harper**, EPIC
(Open seat to replace Mabel Van Dusen)

Others present

Maggie Martino, TCRPC
Greg Cassidy, TCRC
Susan Lindsey, KCCDD
Julie Main, City of Galesburg
Johnny Simms, Council for Disadvantaged People
Roy Bragg, Council for Disadvantaged People
Jeanne Olson, Council for Disadvantaged People
Denise Moore, Council for Disadvantaged People & 1st District Councilman
Josh Moore, CityLink

Approval of the April 17, 2013 Minutes

Mary Patton moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Rex Lewis seconded. Renee Razo amended the minutes to state that she arrived late. Motion carried.

Provider and Agency Updates

City of East Peoria

Ty Livingston reported that they are working with CityLink to provide transit service to many of the new businesses in their new downtown, such as the new library, and Holiday Inn.

Peoria County (CountyLink)

John Hamann reported that they have renegotiated their contract with MV Transportation, but it meant increasing fares and reducing hours of operation.

Tazewell County Resource Center

Greg Cassidy stated that they have executed copies of the JARC grants.

EPIC

Dawn Harper had no report.

Greater Peoria Mass Transit District

Josh Moore introduced himself as a new employee at CityLink. He reported that the RFP for the mobile data terminals in CityLift vehicles has been delayed and the new date is January 2014.

Galesburg Transit

Kraig McCluskie mentioned that they have started the design process for their new maintenance and administration building.

Central Illinois Agency on Aging

Renee Razo reported that they have applied for a grant for case workers for their managed care facilities.

Fulton County Rural Transit

Rex Lewis reported that they are selling window ads on their buses and sales are going well.

Fulton County Board

Doug Manock asked Kraig McCluskie how they got the funding for their new building.

AARP, Peoria County

Mary Patton reported that AARP is currently focusing on Medicaid and the state social security offset rather than transportation.

Marshall-Stark Transportation

Debbie Daykin had no report.

City of Pekin Transit

Pam Anderson reported that they are working on renewing their contract with CityLink. They need paratransit from Peoria to Pekin and weekend service.

City of Galesburg

Julie Main mentioned that the Amtrak station is being expanded to include inter-city bus service.

KCCDD

Susan Lindsay reported that transportation has been a challenge in transitioning 200 clients from St. Mary's home into 26 8-bedroom CILA units. Nine of the homes are now open.

CVP Endorsement and Discussion

Maggie Martino explained that each of the four applicants would give a summary of their request. After that, the HSTP Committee would answer the following questions:

1. Has the applicant been an active participant in the region's coordination process?
2. Was the proposed project derived from the HSTP process?
3. For a replacement vehicle, does the applicant's vehicle meet the replacement criteria?
4. For service expansion, is the project justified?

KCCDD

Susan Lindsay summarized the request by KCCDD for two vehicles. One is a replacement vehicle and the other is to expand service. Service expansion is necessary to serve the CILA homes.

John Hamann asked if the total number of annual trips – 126,000 – listed in their application was correct. Susan said that it was as they serve over 400 people per day.

The Committee answered the four questions:

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes

EPIC

Dawn Harper is asking for two vehicles, both of which are replacement vehicles. They have using their vehicles to assist CityLift with their needs. She was asked if their annual vehicle trips included trips provided by CityLift, to which she answered that they did not.

The Committee answered the four questions:

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. N/A

Rural Peoria County (CountyLift)

John Hamann explained that they are asking for three vehicles and all three are replacements. Debbie Daykin asked John if they were getting any vehicles from the capital program. John replied that they were to get six vehicles. Three have already been applied for and the remaining three are the ones in this application.

The Committee answered the four questions:

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. N/A

Tazewell County Resource Center

Greg Cassidy summarized TCRCs request for two replacement vehicles. They have six vans but frequently have one of them out of service. He explained that there was no endorsement letter in their application from CityLink, due to the death of a CityLink employee.

The Committee answered the four questions:

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. N/A

Rex Lewis moved to endorse all four applications. Seconded by Debbie Daykin. Motion passed.

Other

Council for Disadvantage Persons Presentation

Johnnie Sims introduced members of his board who were in attendance: Roy Bragg, Jeanne Olson, and Denise Moore. The mission of the Council for Disadvantaged Persons is to empower others, and transportation is one part of that. There are many people who need public transportation who work second and third shifts, when CityLink is not available. His organization has been providing transportation for one year, and they currently have eight riders.

Mary Patton asked if they worked with persons at the half-way house. Mr. Sims responded that they are not as they work with people who already have jobs.

Rex Lewis asked if they applied for the CVP funds discussed today. Mr. Sims stated that they wanted to, but were not able to get the application completed in time.

Members of the committee gave Mr. Sims suggestions as to how to acquire vehicles, such as IDOT surplus vehicles. Debbie Daykin encouraged Mr. Sims to become involved in the HSTP process.

The next meeting will be August 7, 2013. The meeting adjourned.

—Submitted by Maggie Martino