

Human Services Transportation Plan Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2015 – 12:00 PM

TCRPC Conference Room, 456 Fulton Street, Suite 420, Peoria, IL

Meeting Minutes

Welcome & Introductions

Jill Goforth called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Rural Area Subcommittee

Name	Organization	Representing	Present	Absent
Shelly Entrekin*	FCRC/FCRT	Fulton	X	
Barb Long*			X	
Doug Manock	Fulton County Board	Fulton		X
Susan Lindsey	KCCDD	Knox	X	
Kraig McCluskie	Galesburg Transit	Knox	X	
Diana Bradstatter	Marshall-Stark PCOM	Marshall	X	
Travis McGlasson	Marshall County Board	Marshall		X
Mary Patton	AARP	Peoria	X	
Mark Rothert	Peoria County Asst. Economic Development Director	Peoria		X
Debbie Daykin	Marshall-Stark Transportation	Stark	X	
Robert Mueller	Stark County Board	Stark		X
John Redlingschafer	Tazewell County Board	Tazewell		X
Andrew Rinehart	Tazewell County Board	Tazewell		X
Jonathan Gauerke	ADDWC	Woodford	X	
Mike Hutchinson	We Care	Woodford	X	

*Shared seat

Urbanized Area Subcommittee

Name	Organization	Representing	Present	Absent
Dawn Harper	EP!C	Urbanized Area	X	
Jeannine McAllister	Advocates for Access	Urbanized Area	X	
Josh Moore	CityLink	Urbanized Area	X	
Renee Razo	CIAOA	Urbanized Area	X	
Lee Linwood*				X
Connie Shiele	Paratransit user	Urbanized Area	X	
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*Alternate

Others present

Jill Goforth, TCRPC

Maggie Martino, TCRPC

Debbi Wendel, Tazewell County Resource Center

Don Rulis, CWTC

Jennifer Allison, District Director for State Senator Dave Koehler

James Byron, Chillicothe Township

Ben Gauwitz, Advocates for Access

Audra Miles, Fulton County PCOM

Diana Brandstatter, Marshall-Stark PCOM

John Williams, CityLink

Julie Main, City of Galesburg

Approval of the November 5, 2014 Minutes

Connie Schiele moved to accept the November 5, 2014 meeting minutes, with a second by Josh Moore. Motion carried.

Approval of the February 18, 2015 Minutes

Debbie Daykin moved to accept the February 18, 2015 meeting minutes, with a second by Josh Moore. Motion carried.

Provider and Agency Updates

CityLink/CityLift

John Williams explained that the General Manager of CityLift, Mark Nash, is out on medical leave. Angel Marinich, the General Manager of Peoria CountyLink, has filled in as the interim General Manager. She will be running both operations for the time being.

Josh Moore reported that there will be some changes to CityLink policies, including the passenger conduct policy. Additionally, the fare structure is being re-examined as a result of the Governor's proposed budget cuts to public transportation. Mr. Moore further explained that the Governor is proposing that funding for transit come from something other than the General Fund. Conversations around where that money will come from are happening now. Possible proposed sources include increasing vehicle registration fees and the gas tax. The Illinois Public Transportation Association (IPTA) is urging transit agencies to speak to their legislators to let them know how these budget cuts will adversely affect their operations. Mr. Moore also explained that the Downstate Capital Fund has been eliminated and likely won't be reinstated.

Mr. Moore announced that a press conference for Stand Up For Transportation Day will be held on Thursday, April 9 at 10 a.m. in the Civic Center Atrium. Various leaders will be calling attention to the state of the transportation infrastructure in our country and urging congress to pass a long-term transportation bill.

EP!C

Dawn Harper reported that EP!C will be receiving their CY13 CVP Vehicle at the end of May. Ms. Harper stated that EP!C is looking for a Super Medium Duty vehicle to purchase on their own (not through the CVP process).

Jonathan Gaurke reported that ADDWC is also looking for a vehicle. They are in need of a mini-van.

Josh Moore stated that CountyLink will be replacing many of their vehicles in the near future. Countylink would like to make these vehicles available to agencies within Region 5 that are interested. Jill Goforth stated that she would send out contact information and additional details for anyone who is interested.

Marshall-Stark Transportation

Debbie Daykin reported that Marshall-Stark Transportation was awarded two mini-vans and a light duty vehicle in the Downstate Capital Initiative. The light duty vehicle is being delivered soon; however, the minivans are delayed. This is going to make operations difficult, as Marshall-Stark Transportation has very few operational vehicles. Ms. Daykin also reported that it is very difficult to dispose of vehicles with IDOT.

AARP

Mary Patton reported that Senate Bill 1585, which establishes a Low Carbon Portfolio Standard that would support the state's nuclear energy facilities and bolster Illinois clean energy, will also tack a 2% surcharge onto the utility bills of the general public. Ms. Patton expressed her concern for this bill and the surcharge that is being proposed.

Fulton County Rural Transit (FCRT)/Fulton County Rehab Center(FCRC)

Barb Long reported that FCRT had all of their vehicles re-lettered and purchased uniforms for their drivers.

Advocates for Access

Jeannine McAllister reported that their agency held a forum for CityLift consumers to discuss their complaints and issues with the service. The forum was very productive and Advocates for Access may hold these forums quarterly. Ms. McAllister also stated that Advocates for Access will be hosting a disability awareness training in May.

Chillicothe Township

James Byron reported that Chillicothe Township has seen an increase in ridership; however, they are still having difficulty finding volunteer drivers. Mr. Byron explained that they are referring more people to CityLift since this service is now available for Chillicothe residents and employees.

Community Workshop and Training Center (CWTC)

Don Rulis reported that CWTC has integrated their Community Living Facilities with their CILAs. Mr. Rulis explained that CWTC coordinates with EP!C, CityLift, and CityLink to ensure their clients have adequate transportation service.

Central Illinois Agency on Aging (CIAOA)

Renee Razo reported that CIAOA is still in the process of updating its website. Ms. Razo also passed out flyers for the Celebrating Generations Expo and the CIAOA 13th Annual Golf Tournament. The Celebrating Generations Expo will be held on Wednesday, May 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, August 21.

WeCare

Mike Hutchinson reported that WeCare has been working on developing a website. It can be found at wecareofmorton.com.

Paratransit Users

Connie Schiele reported that she has seen an improvement in the dispatching service at CityLift. Ms. Schiele reported that she attended the forum hosted by Advocates for Access and found it useful.

Association for the Developmentally Disabled of Woodford County (ADDWC)

Jonathan Gauerke reported that ADDWC clients will be moving into the newly constructed CILA home later this month. Mr. Gauerke reiterated that ADDWC is looking to purchase a minivan. Additionally, Mr. Gauerke reported that ADDWC will be hosting its annual fundraiser on May 2nd. The fundraiser will feature an Italian Feast Dinner in Eureka from 4 – 7 p.m.

Galesburg Transit

Julie Main reported that the Galesburg Transit Maintenance Facility will open this summer. The facility will house both Galesburg Transit and Galesburg Handivan. Additionally, the Amtrak depot expansion is underway. This project was funded with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Ms. Main reported that Galesburg Transit will be receiving two hybrid buses and is coordinating with the transit agency in Grand Rapids, MI for procurement.

Ms. Main also expressed that Galesburg Transit and Galesburg Handivan will have to make major cuts in service if the Governor's proposed budget cut goes through. Saturday service, evening service, and one hour of service per day would have to be eliminated if the reimbursement rate reduces to 55% from 65%.

HSTP Coordinator Updates

Jill Goforth reported that CVP 2014 award notifications went out in March for 5310 agencies. 5311 agencies were not notified of awards, and will likely not receive any vehicles from the 2014 CVP program due to funding issues. If you are a 5311 agency and you applied for vehicles in 2014, submit the same request for the 2015 CVP cycle. There will be funding for 5311 agencies this year.

Ms. Goforth announced that the Call for Projects for the 2015 CVP program went out in March. Applications are due to both Mike Healy and Ms. Goforth by 11:59 p.m. on May 31, 2015. There will be an application review class at Springfield Mass Transit District on April 16th at 9 a.m. Ms. Goforth explained that she does not need applications before the IDOT due date this year; however, all agencies who are applying for CVP vehicles should return the 5310 CVP Endorsement Information and Voting Form by May 20, 2015 (available as a hand out). Ms. Goforth stated that she would send out completed forms to the full committee a week prior to the June 3, 2015 HSTP meeting. Ms. Goforth stated that she can provide technical assistance and/or look over applications prior to submitting to IDOT for anyone that is interested. The HSTP Committee will vote to endorse applications at the June 3, 2015 meeting. Agencies who submit an application are required to attend this meeting.

Ms. Goforth reported that agencies can apply for any vehicle; however, IDOT has expressed that light duty and medium duty vehicles will be delivered the quickest. Delivery of mini-vans and super medium duty vehicles will lag behind.

Josh Moore stated that CityLink will respond to all requests for letters of endorsement for CVP applications at the same time.

Ms. Goforth announced that there will be a PCOM webinar on April 16th at 1:30 p.m. The topic will be the development and use of service contracts.

Ms. Goforth announced that the Illinois Public Transportation Association fall conference will be held September 9-11 in Normal at the Uptown Marriott.

Ms. Goforth explained that she and 3 others are in the beginning stages of planning for an ADA celebration event. The event is tentatively scheduled for October 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be held at Marshall

Plaza underneath the Gateway Building. The event will feature various interactive activities, informational booths, and educational materials to educate, inform, and celebrate the passage of the ADA legislation.

Presentation and Discussion on Section 5310 Grant Program Funding (Transportation for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities)

Ms. Goforth explained that TCRPC has funding available for transportation projects that enhance mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Funding is only available for projects within the Peoria-Pekin Urbanized Area. Ms. Goforth explained the goals of the grant program, eligible applicants, and eligible projects. She reported that a Call for Projects would be going out within the next week. The HSTP urban sub-committee will make final project selections at the June 3, 2015 HSTP meeting.

Other

There were no comments.

Adjournment

Josh Moore made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Debbie Daykin. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held June 3, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

—Submitted by Jill Goforth