

Human Services Transportation Plan Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 – 12:00 PM

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

Meeting Minutes

Welcome, Introductions & Roll Call

Hannah Martin called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

RURAL AREA SUBCOMMITTEE				
Name	Organization	Representing	Present	Absent
Shelly Entrekin*	FCRC/FCRT	Fulton	X	
Barb Long*			X	
Doug Manock*	Fulton County Board	Fulton		X
Audra Miles*	Fulton County PCOM		X	
Susan Lindsey	KCCDD	Knox	X	
Kraig McCluskie	Galesburg Transit	Knox	X	
Diana Bradstatter	Marshall-Stark PCOM	Marshall	X	
Debbie Daykin	Marshall County Board	Marshall	X	
Mary Patton	AARP	Peoria	X	
Andrew Dwyer	GPMTD - CountyLink	Peoria	X	
Traci Dowell	MSW Projects	Stark	X	
Robert Mueller	Stark County Board	Stark		X
Mary Jo Holford	Tazewell County Board	Tazewell		X
Michael Godar	Tazewell County Board	Tazewell		X
Tyler Rogers	ADDWC	Woodford		X
Mike Hutchinson	We Care	Woodford	X	
URBAN AREA SUBCOMMITTEE				
Dawn Harper	EPIC	Agency	X	
Jeannine McAllister	Advocates for Access	CIL	X	
Doug Roelfs	CityLink	Provider	X	
Renee Razo*	Central Illinois Agency on Aging	Agency		X
James Barrett*			X	
Connie Schiele	Paratransit user	User	X	
Don Rulis	CWTC	Agency		X
Greg Cassidy	TCRC	Agency	X	

*Shared seat **Proxy Vote

Also in attendance:

Hannah Martin, TCRPC
 Audrey Barrett, Snyder Village
 Julie Main, City of Galesburg
 Reema Abi-Akar, TCRPC
 Julie Briner, MSW Projects

Chris Mitchell, Public Citizen
 Amber Connour, Galesburg Transit

Public Comment

No public comment.

Approval of the December 05, 2017 & February 6, 2018 Minutes

Greg Cassidy moved to approve the December 05, 2017 & February 6, 2018 minutes and Andy Dwyer seconded. The motion carried.

2018 CVP Application Cycle

Hannah Martin explained that the application will be scored from zero to one, and it is due at the end of June. She asked that anyone who is planning to apply this year let her know that they will do so.

Provider and Agency Updates

Chris Mitchell, Public Citizen

Ms. Mitchell commented that she has had positive experiences using CityLift in the past and commended their service.

Galesburg Transit

Kraig McCluskie reported that one of their drivers had gotten into an accident at an intersection, so they are working through the insurance for that. Other than that, they are working on their organization's budget and considering applying for three vehicles under CVP.

KCCDD

Susan Lindsey said that they will apply for another vehicle through IDOT. Using money received from their annual auction, they plan on purchasing two minivans. She said that their current vehicles have been used for 15-20 years, and they are showing their age.

Central IL Agency on Aging

James Barrett reported that they are preparing for their Celebrating Generations Expo on Wednesday, May 23. He said there is also a golf outing planned for August 17.

Greater Peoria Mass Transit District

Doug Roelfs reported that they are planning on building a new maintenance facility for \$22 million. They have applied for FTA Section 5339 funding but were only awarded 3.6 million to go towards this facility. If no additional funds are awarded, they can scale down some aspects such as leaving the storage unit as-is and focusing on maintenance. Mr. Roelfs also said that CityLink will celebrate Jerome Lilly Passenger Appreciation Day on Friday, April 20 by offering free rides on CityLink buses.

Andy Dwyer reported that their coordinated dispatch ridership has increased by 50%. He said that they will apply for vehicles from CVP for the CountyLink system. Mr. Dwyer also noted there would be an IPTA Board meeting Wednesday (the following day) at 10 a.m.

WeCare

Mike Hutchinson reported the 5311 applications are complete, and they will be seeking two replacement vehicles for Tazewell County and two replacement vehicles for Woodford County.

FCRC/FCRT

Shelly Entrekin said that Fulton County will apply for two replacement vehicles.

MSW Projects

Traci Dowell reported that they are finalizing grants and will apply for a minivan through CVP.

AARP

Mary Patton reported that there may be a potential change in funding regarding adult daycare centers as a result of the current federal administration.

TCRC

Greg Cassidy reported that TCRC has been awarded a minivan with a lift and they are applying to another vehicle. He said that they have two out-of-duty vehicles they would like to sell.

EPIC

Dawn Harper said that they have received an award letter for a medium-duty bus, and they are applying for two more minivans.

Advocates for Access

Jeannine McAllister said that they are working on building 16 ramps for residences around the area, though rentals are a different process. She said that this is their fifth year of installing ramps, and they have installed 61 ramps in the community.

HSTP Coordinator Report

Ms. Martin gave a recap of the RTAC conference. There was a discussion with Dawn Harper regarding the state's long-range transportation plan and IDOT state planning and research funding. Ms. Martin said that we can do surveys and other forms of engagement using these funding sources if the group wishes to do so.

Ms. Martin mentioned that there are regional maintenance workshops that a few people have attended, but there is still value in sharing each others local resources for vehicle maintenance. EPIC seems to have found consistent success with their recent switch in vehicle care.

Ms. Martin provided feedback from the Dream Center Pilot Shuttle, which had been providing free transportation to grocery stores after the Krogers on Wisconsin Ave. and Harmon Hwy. closed. She explained that people did not use the shuttle as much; they just went to Walmart instead. There is still an organized effort to try to make a food hub in that area. Options such as food deliveries usually require prepayment using credit cards, which shuts out people who pay with cash. This may also apply to medicine deliveries from pharmacies.

Ms. Martin gave an update about Tri-County's spring symposium. She said there will be a focus on different sizes of communities, not only big cities. She said it will involve a presentation and panel speaking about how cities are structured and how transportation is part of the picture.

HSTP Goals, Objectives, Action Items Update

Ms. Martin said that the language within the HSTP goals, objectives, and action items is being adjusted to make sure they are more inclusive with supported activities. Marry Patton moved to approve the HSTP goals, objectives, and action items, and Debbie Daykin seconded. The motion carried.

Other

None.

Adjournment

Mike Hutchinson moved to adjourn the meeting and Greg Cassidy seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

—Submitted by Reema Abi-Akar & Hannah Martin