

ENTF Transportation Sub Committee
November 29, 2016

Present: Adelyn VanTol, Allison Rudi, Cheryl Elahl, Colene Johnson, Darlene Tom Oosterbaan, Dave Bulkowski, Dawn Broene, Jennifer Kalczuk, Joan Konyndyk, John Mitchell, Mark Evans, Meegen Joyce, Steve Hartman, Steve Burke, Sue Sefton, Susan Cervantes, Tracie Coffman, Kevin Wisselink, Bob McKown

The Rapid – Expanding Existing Services:

- Timeline for the Lakerline: construction during 2017-2-18. Open early in 2019. The federal funding is in the pipeline for allocation but, “It’s not there until it’s there.”
- *The Rapid* may benefit from a higher percentage of state operating funding based on what other transit authorities are doing.
- On the federal level, there will probably not be a budget by the end of the year because of the power balance change in Washington.

Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Plan – Keven Wissenlink:

- Reviewed revisions made to this plan at our October meeting. The ENTF Transportation Subcommittee agrees to support the document. Members can still make suggestions or changes through the end of this week ending 12/1/2016.
- The plan will be reviewed by *The Rapid* Consumer Advisory Committee, GVMC, and Federal Transit and will be incorporated into MDOT’s plans.

Strategic Planning – ENTF Transportation Policy Municipal Report Card (T-1.2)

- In an effort to address the, “Transportation in All Policies,” part of the strategic plan, one of Calvin’s interns reviewed the Master Plan for all local municipalities and produced a report card on how they do and do not address transportation in their policies. Reviewed the tool in depth and revised wording where necessary to clarify or enhance ability to measure or grade the policy.
- Note: There will be unavoidable differences in looking at rural vs. urban communities.
- Several examples of poor planning for transit were mentioned: Medical buildings downtown – the clearance is too low to be able to use the main entrance for pick up and drop off. Parking is not accessible in that you still have to vehicular traffic after parking. Tracie Coffman will make the changes to the Report Card. Dave Bulkowski will then have DAKC review it. (See attached draft)
- We should also approach business to see what policies are in place to encourage employees to use alternative transportation (bus passes, ride to work, car sharing...)
- Extra credit should be given for innovation specific to their circumstances
- To determine what kind of weigh each item on the report card should carry for a grading system - once the report card is complete we should load it into a survey monkey and send it out to as many transportation advocates and providers we can find and ask them to rate the items in importance from 1 – 100. In this way we should be able to come up with a collective rating system that is fairly accurate.

- Our next discussion should be how we utilize this tool. Suggestions: Invite municipalities to give their input on the development of the tool. Tell them why we're doing it and try to elicit their buy in.

Ridelink:

- Many providers have run out of their allotted money by this time of year so there is an increase in denials. The providers try to balance it out but it is not always possible.
- There were 4500 calls in October.

Additional Updates:

- Red Cross is getting close to an agreement for taking over their transportation system with an interested party.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 26, 2017

8:30 – 10 am (American Red Cross – 1050 Fuller NE)