

ENTF Transportation Sub Committee
January 24, 2017

Present: Adelyn VanTol, Allison Rudi, Aruna Kamara, Bob McKown, Cherie Elahl, Colene Johnson, Darlene Bentz, Jennifer Kalczuk, John Mitchell, Mark Evans, Meegen Joyce, Steve Burke, Sue Sefton, Susan Cervantes,

The Rapid – Expanding Existing Services:

- Lakerline: Still waiting for the federal funds to be authorized. The allocation is in the budget but not voted on yet. The original timeline was for construction during 2017-2-18. Open early in 2019. That may be delayed depending on when funds are allocated.
- The mobile ticketing system of placing money in an account with a bus card will be piloted this fall.
- Magnetic strips will still be available.

Legislative Issues:

There is not much to report. All bills died at the end of the last session and will need to be re-introduced. We will know more after the governor releases his budget.

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

- Revised Policy Municipal Report Card was reviewed and further changes were made. Allison Rudi will make the changes in the document and post in Trello with a copy to Sue Sefton to share with the group.
- The group is interested in getting a, “Trello Training.”
- Next Steps: Suggestions were to run it by GVMC and also by Lenae Wells, a planner from Caledonia. It was felt that Lenae’s feedback might be sufficient.
- We still need to give weight to each item to figure out how to score it and decide on next steps for how to use it.

Ridelink:

- 2016 – 66,235 rides a 12% increase and a 24 % increase in phone calls.
- 1792 denials compared to 852 in 2015
- Everyone is having difficulty getting drivers. Providers are doing what they can. It is harder to find qualified applicants. It is unusual to have this problem this early in the year when all the providers still have a fully funded budget.
- Qualifications: over 21, CDL, pass background check, negative for drug and alcohol testing
- Red Cross uses a lot of seniors for drivers and many of them go south for the winter.
- Pay is \$9 an hour. A living wage is considered to be \$14 an hour. People who are hired often only stay a few months.

Additional Updates:

- Colene Johnson – DHS: Effective 3/1/17, all providers who are providing NEMT through Medicaid have to be registered in CHAMPS. This includes anyone who gets reimbursed for mileage. A letter will be sent out shortly with an open registration.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

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