



Transportation Subcommittee
 Meeting Minutes
 June 22, 2021
 8:30am – 10:00am

Facilitator:	Ken Miguel-Cipriano, Tiffany Pearson		
Meeting Attendees:	Aruna Kamara, Bill Kirk, Brianne Robach, Emily Madsen, Joan Konyndyk, Ken Miguel-Cipriano, Kendrick Heinlein, Miguel Velasco, Monica Light, Rachel Kunnath, Sue Sefton, Tamia McGlothlin, Tiffany Pearson, Walt Marston, Wende Randall <i>(List may not be complete- please contact Brianne if you were on the call but are not listed here.)</i>		
Time Convened:	8:33	Time Adjourned:	9:55

Introductions	
Discussion	
<p>There have not been many changes to the Miro board over the past month. There is the potential to take a finalized version to the ENTF Leadership team, Ken and Tiffany will connect around this. This tool was developed to look at where there may be gaps, however the full scope of all the modes of transportation are likely not included on this map. The list could be shared with others (organizations and/or community members) to have them identify what is missing.</p> <p>Action Item: Discuss bringing the Miro board information to ENTF Leadership team – Ken & Tiffany</p>	
Transportation & COVID-19 Vaccine Update	
Discussion	
<p>The process is up and running. Electronic flyers available in multiple languages. They encourage community members eligible for RideLink or GoBus to register for these opportunities AND to can call 211 to schedule a vaccine and ride appointment. Uber and Lyft are also providing rides for vaccines at pharmacies. Multiple vendors are available and all are coordinating with 211 who schedules rides with an appropriate vendor. Wende noted that the process took a while to develop, but it now gives a framework that can be used for future initiatives. Sue noted that we may have missed the rush, but now is the most important time to have transportation available for folks to get a vaccine.</p> <p>County has started to put together a map of the County with different transportation vendors and the areas served by each one. This will help understand utilization and with expanding needs.</p>	
County-Wide Mobility / CCIT Update	
Discussion	
<p>Disability Advocates hired a new team member (Michael) who is facilitating the CCIT (Concerned Citizens for Improved Transit) group and they recently met a few weeks ago. Michael will be spearheading the county wide mobility initiative to bring to the County Commission.</p> <p>Wayman is retiring at the end of June. There is an opportunity for folks to attend the interviews for the new administrator tomorrow evening. More info here.</p>	
Heartside Shopper Update	
Discussion	
<p>In the past, funding was available for The Rapid for a shopper shuttle from the Heartside neighborhood to Meijer in Standale. Catholic Charities was serving as the fiduciary but were no longer</p>	





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able to a few years ago. At that point, Meijer could not contribute directly to The Rapid, so another fiduciary would likely be needed to support this program. Conversations will continue, The Rapid has seen interest from community members.

Citizen's Agenda

Discussion

The Rapid: they will be implementing recommended changes from COA on August 30. Starting in mid-July, they will be increasing outreach. Wave card changes around fare capping go into effect on July 1st. Through June 30, wave card users ride for free. The Division United Project is in it's final stages and is looking towards implementation, proposed changes available on the [Division United](#) website. Each municipality has committed to implementing changes in their Master Plans. They expect medium to long term implementation as many changes are related to policy and public-private partnership.

Bill, send documents around TOD and documents from throughout the process.

Wende asked if the changes will impact the PineRest and new Special Olympics facilities. The Rapid has been in conversations around transit and employment needs in this area as well as the Byron Township contract (likely to be renewed at the end of September). They are also talking with tenants so they are aware of the routes and what advocacy can be done. In addition, they are discussing options to make a stop near the campus more accessible and safer.

RideLink: implemented EcoLane software. They are working out a few small adjustments, but extremely happy with the software. Thank you to all the RideLink partners who helped implement!

Wheels to Work: employers who stepped back during the pandemic due to rate increases are starting to come back. They are also getting new employers. Steelcase is on board and now have a shuttle to Spartan Nash in the Clyde Park/76th area. They may re-evaluate rate to help bring additional employers back. They are looking to hire drivers.

Kent County Transit: Their new contract starts July 1. The 20 ride limit will be removed. They do not know how unlimited rides will impact budget. Joan will be retiring at the end of the month! Her retirement party is on June 30 from 11:00am-2:30pm at Hope Network's Education Center at 775 36th St SE

Shared Micromobility: Take the survey about the [micromobility pilot \(in Spanish\)](#). Ken shared that scooters are capped at 10mph and e-bikes are capped at 15mph with pedal assist. The team is continuing efforts to reduce sidewalk riding and multiple people on one scooter. Spin implemented a test method to reduce impaired biking. Spin passes available at local centers to increase access to community members. The pilot runs through the end of the year. Ken noted that they are seeing an increase in private vehicles similar to the micromobility vehicles that are going extremely fast

Community Partner Updates

Discussion

- [ENTf Transportation Group Bike/scooter group ride doodle poll](#)





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- MobileGR: [Downtown Grand Rapids Parking and Mobility Survey](#)
- July meeting: the group historically does not meet in July, but will meet this year on the 27th.
- Interesting article that talks about parking and zoning and how this can open up opportunity for development in areas that are more connected to public transit:
https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/parking-reform-reenergize-downtowns-when-buffalo-changed-zoning-rules?utm_source=Next+City+Newsletter&utm_campaign=4f43abcb2e-Issue_482_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_fcee5bf7a0-4f43abcb2e-44332134

