



Transportation Subcommittee  
 Meeting Minutes  
 June 25, 2019  
 8:30am – 10:00am

Facilitator:	Dave Bulkowski, Sue Sefton		
Meeting Attendees:	Dave Bulkowski, Sue Sefton, Rich Jones, Walt Marston, Aruna Kamara, Karyn Pelon, Kendrick Heinlein, Joan Konyndyk, Joanna Bascom, Taylor Hartson, Tamia McGlothlin, Wende Randall, Brianne Czyzio		
Time Convened:	8:40	Time Adjourned:	9:33

<b>Introductions</b>		
Name, Organization, one book you're hoping to read this summer		
<b>RideLink Maps and Data</b>	<b>Joanna Bascom – Calvin CSR</b>	
Discussion		
<p>Joanna presented data around RideLink rides, denials, calls, by municipality, zip code and location throughout Kent County. Joanna is at the end of her time with CSR, but Taylor and CSR are available if the subcommittee wants any additional data or updated data. Attendees suggested that would be helpful to have destination data available as well. Many people live in Grand Rapids, but struggle to get to the townships for health-related appointments. It is important to think about points to advocate for businesses building in townships. This ties into mobility-in-all.</p> <p><b>Mobility-In-All</b></p> <p>A small group met and talked about what can be done to research policy language around 14 areas included on the municipal survey. There is an intern that will be coming on with ENTf to help with this project for the summer. Albina is a student at Howard University studying public policy and economics. She will be looking at language from local municipalities and around the country to develop recommendations. She will be starting with ENTf at the beginning of July.</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
<b>Citizen's Agenda</b>		
Discussion		
<p><u>The Rapid</u> – Bill Kirk is a new business analyst at the Rapid. Bill has been engaged in ENTf in the past. The Rapid is hoping to fill the Specialized Services Coordinator position in the next few weeks. The Laker Line bus was unveiled at the beginning of June, they are working on construction on Fulton and Lake Michigan Drive.</p> <p><u>RideLink</u> – Everything is running smoothly. They are expecting the senior millage to go up by 3% which will lead to additional funding throughout the community. There have been a few agencies interested in joining RideLink. One is KBoose, they are an advocacy organization what goes to different locations with clients. They do not serve any specific demographic. They use ride-sharing technology and are available through Kent and Ottawa counties.</p> <p><u>Wheels to Work</u> – Their third anniversary was June 12. Debbi has been gathering feedback from riders and employers. They are continuing to grow – they stated Tyson Food and are expecting to start with Herman Miller soon.</p> <p><u>North Kent Transit</u> – is changing names to Kent Community Transit. In the past, they program only served those who joined. Now, it is almost county-wide transit. Anyone can go into the 6 cities, but there is no way to get them out of the municipalities. They received less money than past years because they had not used all their funds. In the past, each township had different pots of money; this program combines all pots into one. The hope is that more funds will become available later in</p>		





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the year. With Kent Community Transit, the different limitations for each township have been combined into one set of stipulations. Trips are \$5 one-way; some townships may subsidize part of this cost.		
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<b>Michigan Mobility Challenge Updates</b>		
Discussion		
Wheels to Work is still making progress with the app. They are continuing testing to work out bugs.		
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<b>State Budget Updates</b>		
Discussion		
The House budget had a drastic cut to the bus operating line item. There were modifications to this line item, but there are still significant differences between the House, Senate, and governor's budgets. There is still a lot of work to be done; the road-funding bill seems to be the hold-up. Kendrick will share a letter to increase or maintain specialized services so the group can do advocacy work.		
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<b>Updates</b>		
Discussion		
<p><b>No July ENTF Transportation meeting.</b> Please keep your eye on emails for updates.</p> <p><b>Disability Advocates</b> – ADA celebration is Wednesday, July 10, at the Kentwood Library. Contact Dave or Rich or Laura St. Louis if you are interested in having a table at this event.</p> <p><b>ACLU</b> – has started their Smart Justice campaign focusing specifically on bail reform. They are advocating for prosecutors to utilize cash bail as the last resort, as it should be. Wende asked the group to keep this topic in their conversations and keep an eye out for resources. She asked members to think about whether there are any transportation resources available in the community for those who are recently released.</p> <p><b>Absolutely Accessible Kent</b> – DAKC has been gathering architects, builders, people with disabilities to talk about what can be done to increase accessibility. There will be community conversations on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> in the evening and Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.</p>		
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