



Transportation Subcommittee
 Meeting Minutes
 May 26, 2020
 8:30am – 10:00am

Facilitator:	Dave Bulkowski, Sue Sefton		
Meeting Attendees:	Kendrick Heinlein, Laura St. Louis, Susan Cervantes, Aruna Kamara, Walt Marston, Jason Prescott, Sue Sefton, Debbie Jones, Tamia McGlothlin, Bill Kill, Darlene Bentz, Alicia Gaitan, Tammy Britton, Miguel Velasco, Jason Prescott, Sue Sefton, Joan Konyndyk, Dave Bulkowski, Debbie Coleman, Ken Miguel-Cipriano, Liz Gordillo, Tim Novak, Wende Randall, Brianne Czyzio Robach, Emily Madsen		
Time Convened:	8:35	Time Adjourned:	9:55

Introductions		
Discussion		
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ENTf Strategic Visioning and Implementation		
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Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Reach out to Liz (lizq@lizqstrategy.com) if you are interested in participating in an interview	All	
Citizen’s Agenda		
Discussion		
<p><u>The Rapid</u>: new summer service schedule starts today (5/26). They are planning to run this schedule through August. Every route is back on the road except route 19. Staff will be monitoring second and third shift needs and will make adjustments as needed. Safety and social distancing measures are in place. There is a mask giveaway for riders starting today, distribution is at central station.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The COA and Division United (Division Ave Transit Oriented Development) are transitioning to collect community input in a virtual manner. - The Laker Line scheduled to begin late August. GVSU has indicated that they are planning to have many students back on campus for the fall semester. - Wave Card transition – Marie continuing to conduct outreach to community organizations. At this point they are uncertain when they will stop issuing paper tickets. - <u>GoBus</u>: service hours have changed to mirror fixed route hours. They are trying to limit the number of riders per bus to maintain social distancing. They are planning to ramp up as demand rises and anticipate an increase in weekend requests with the opening of senior centers and religious centers. They hope to begin the Kaizen Health program in June. 		





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RideLink: rides are down but partners are transporting goods to meet needs for those who unable to leave their house. When reopening, they will be doing temp checks for all riders, providing PPE to drivers, and will plan to slowly ease participants back into services. Considering using surplus Kent County Senior Millage funds to move to an on-demand service. Long-term, they are looking at how best work with partners and provide services.

Wheels to Work: they are slowly bringing back employers and have added a few companies. Safety, social distancing, and screening measures are in place. Also working with MDOC for ways to open in other regions of the state. Red Bus Relief is delivering meals. The app is on hold until app testing is available for riders and employers.

Kent County Community Transit: Ridership is down. Anticipate receiving the full amount of funds for next fiscal year, starting July 1. KCCA is working on CDBG contracts for next year and has received COVID-19 funds. They are outfitting busses for safety.

County-Wide Mobility

Discussion

The group has discussed planning for a transportation millage for all Kent County residents in 2022. Last week, the planning group discussed messaging and how to begin collecting information. The group developed introductory statement with consistent language and a series of questions for use in interviews with community stakeholders. Insights and responses along with community research from the past few year will be compiled and can be utilized to help frame the ask of county commission. There is the option of using a group of GVSU students to help compile and consolidate research from multiple community reports. There may be a possibility to connect with Division United to gather input with their community engagement. Ken will work to coordinate. The introductory statement and questions [can be found here](#). Please review the document and add comments/suggestions.

During the February meeting, the group was asked to suggest community stakeholders and/or groups they feel would be important to interview and gather input. Please continue to add suggestions to the [key contacts spreadsheet](#).

Additional Updates

Discussion

- 20th anniversary of successful Rapid millage passed in April without note due to COVID. The Rapid is open to ideas to celebrate this down the road, opportunity to bring in other issue areas.
- Laura is leading the paratransit/demand-response workgroup to create a suggested plan for safe reinstatement of full services.
- Emily Madsen joined the ENTFF team as a data analyst. Her focus will be with the Food and Nutrition Coalition and the Economic and Workforce Development subcommittee, as will be working on shared data and impact analysis. Welcome, Emily!

