



Transportation Subcommittee  
 Meeting Minutes  
 April 27, 2021  
 8:30am – 10:00am

Facilitator:	Ken Miguel-Cipriano, Tiffany Pearson		
Meeting Attendees:	Aaron Estrada, Aruna Kamara, Bill Kirk, Brianne Robach, Darlene Bentz, Dave Bulkowski, Debbi Coleman, Debbie Jones, Emily Madsen, Joan Konyndyk, Joana Leatherman, Ken Miguel-Cipriano, Kendrick Heinlein, Lauren Drewing, Miguel Velasco, Monica Light, Rachel Kunnath, Sue Sefton, Tamia McGlothlin, Taylor Hartson, 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

<b>Introductions</b>	
Discussion	
Ken is a Transportation Analyst with the City of Grand Rapids. Tiffany is the Director of Adult Programs with United Methodist Community House. They are both excited to step into the leadership role.	
<b>Mapping</b>	
Discussion	
<p>The leadership team discussed mapping out all transportation and mobility services available in Kent County to get a better sense of who is doing what and clearly see a full system picture. This will help with developing a vision for the future. The hope is that this information will also be a live resource to support collaboration within the system.</p> <p>To add you organization’s information, please visit the ENTF Transportation <a href="#">Miro board</a> and enter information on each of the services your agency offers. Staff will also be connecting with the Vaccines and Transportation group who is also collecting information from providers and locations. Staff will add definitions for each of the service areas.</p> <p>If you would like help with completing your organization’s information, connect with Ken (<a href="mailto:kmcipriano@grand-rapids.mi.us">kmcipriano@grand-rapids.mi.us</a>) or Tiffany (<a href="mailto:pearsontiff@umchousegr.org">pearsontiff@umchousegr.org</a>).</p> <p><b>ACTION ITEM:</b> go into <a href="#">the Miro board</a> and add your information for each of your organization’s services. Miro link:  <a href="https://miro.com/welcomeonboard/orDLXDobK0QlAg9tB4jYwqNUdcFQNgFXT4gVc1skBSRbQRlslHBA5kbXdmQrOT0w">https://miro.com/welcomeonboard/orDLXDobK0QlAg9tB4jYwqNUdcFQNgFXT4gVc1skBSRbQRlslHBA5kbXdmQrOT0w</a></p>	
<b>Transportation &amp; COVID-19 Vaccine Update</b>	
Discussion	
<p>Many folks from this group have been collaborating on how to get folks to and from vaccine sites. The workgroup meets weekly on Wednesdays at 10:00am - connect with Wende if you would like meeting information. Currently, there is a contract with KCCA in place; folks can call KCCA directly. Contracts will soon be in place with Cardinal Senior Services, Hope Network, UMCH, Ride Your Way, and others. If you are already providing rides but contract is not in place, continue to track rides for</p>	





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reimbursement. The 2-1-1 team is almost ready to go live for scheduling rides for community members. Vendor instructions and a flyer for community members will be shared once available.

The Rapid has offered no-cost single ride tickets for getting to and from appointments. Connect with Bill Kirk to get electronic barcodes. Bill - [bkirk@ridetherapid.org](mailto:bkirk@ridetherapid.org) or 616-774-1167.

Encourage folks in your circles to get vaccinated!

**County-Wide Mobility Update**

Discussion

Dave, Wende, and members of Concerned Citizens for Improved Transportation (CCIT) recently met with Mandy Boulter and Wayman Britt to discuss the need for a county wide mobility taskforce to look at existing resources, unmet needs, what would be needed to fill these gaps. Kent County expressed that it would be important to first ensure that current services are collaborating and being used effectively. Conversations will continue

If interested in joining CCIT, connect with Dave. The group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 2:30pm and is predominately comprised on folks with disabilities who focus on advocacy related to mobility.

**Citizen's Agenda**

Discussion

The Rapid: they will be implementing summer schedule on May 10 – there are not large changes, but there will be expanded hours on weekdays. Their board approved the Mobility-for-All service plan for implementation in August (info at [www.therapidmobilityforall.com](http://www.therapidmobilityforall.com)). Public hearings will be available to review the final plan and get public input. Staff will be doing outreach through the summer around changes. Division United held townhalls last week to review recommendations in this plan. Go to [www.divisionunited.org](http://www.divisionunited.org) for the final recommendations and to submit comments. The Rapid released RFP for new software scheduling system for GoBus that will include planned mobility on-demand zones. RideLink will be able to run whatever platform the Rapid chooses on their device so there will not be a gap in scheduling.

RideLink: they are working on EcoLane software implementation, the first week of June is the anticipated date it will go live. If there is anything RideLink or AAAMM can do to help with vaccinations, please don't hesitate to reach out to Kendrick

Wheels to Work: they are slowly increasing volume as employers are beginning to bring back workers. They are hearing that employers are understaffed and having trouble hiring. They are working on possible grant to open in SE MI

Kent County Transit: volume is still low, at about 55% of last year. They are starting to talk about next fiscal year, beginning July 1 and are concerned that they may not get the funding they received in the past due to the low expenditures this past year. Have been in communication with Kent County staff, but unsure what the County will decide.





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Shared Micromobility: Mobile GR will be bringing a second vendor into the micromobility pilot that will provide e-assist bikes and other micromobility options. [Survey](#) available for folks to provide feedback on the program. They launched the Spin community pass with the goal of increasing access to shared mobility options - participants receive 5 free 30-minute rides. Spin has W2 workers who bring scooters back to warehouse to charge. The e-assist bike company uses 1099 workers remove low battery and insert charged ones. A helmet program for no or low-cost helmets is available through Spin. Cost: \$1 to unlock and \$0.15/minute to ride.

There is an option to expand or change Designated Parking Zones, connect with Ken if you have suggestions.

Utilization of City parking services? Prior to COVID, there was lots of conversation around the lack of parking in downtown. Ken can provide an update on the current state at the next meeting. At present, they haven't noticed a shortage and haven't returned to normal levels.

## Community Partner Updates

Discussion

Meeting slides: [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1AoVlzm1nbBHsoDPG4uyCnf\\_YQY7-Co7VX3QwrFOggL0/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1AoVlzm1nbBHsoDPG4uyCnf_YQY7-Co7VX3QwrFOggL0/edit?usp=sharing)

