



Transportation Subcommittee
 Meeting Minutes
 May 25, 2021
 8:30am – 10:00am

Facilitator:	Ken Miguel-Cipriano, Tiffany Pearson		
Meeting Attendees:	Bill Kirk, Brianne Robach, Darlene Bentz, Dave Bulkowski, Debbi Coleman, Debbie Jones, Emily Madsen, Gordie Moeller, Joan Konyndyk, Ken Miguel-Cipriano, Kendrick Heinlein, Miguel Velasco, Monica Light, Rachel Kunnath, Sue Sefton, Tammy Britton, Tiffany Pearson, Walt Marston <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>If you have not yet added information to the Miro board on your agency’s services, please do so. (Access Miro here). Staff have also been having conversations with Kent County Health Department who is working to develop a list of resources. Once finalized, this could serve as an internal reference to help support collaboration.</p> <p>The terms on the map can be generalized so community members better understand what is incorporated – e.g.: Non-emergency medical transportation is a term for transportation provided by Medicaid and may not be ideal space for other medical transportation providers.</p>	
Transportation & COVID-19 Vaccine Update	
Discussion	
<p>211 is now available to schedule appointments for those in need to transportation to and from vaccine sites.</p> <p>Volunteers in Service participating in “A Shot of Love” campaign to provide opportunities for folks to get vaccines. They have been partnering with Feeding America to register folks at mobile pantry sites.</p> <p>KCHD has been visiting homes and administering shots there for those who are home-bound. Call the Health Department to schedule an appointment.</p>	
County-Wide Mobility / CCIT Update	
Discussion	
<p>The group has been communicated with the County Commission around American Recovery Plan funding.</p> <p>Disability Advocates recently hired a community organizer who will be facilitating CCIT.</p>	
Citizen’s Agenda	
Discussion	
<p><u>The Rapid</u>: The final Mobility for All plan service changes were presented at public hearings last week. They will be ramping up outreach before service changes go into effect on August 30th. The Wave card fare capping structure will change on July 1. Monthly fare capping will begin on the first of the month instead of on a rolling basis. Rides on June 20-June 30 will be free for wave card holders.</p>	





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They are working with ENTFF to provide transit fare to those who need it to get to vaccine appointments. The City has been working with the Burton Heights Business Association and business owners to collaborate on ways to discourage negative behavior.

The project that used bus stops as a space for produce shopping has been on hold for now, but conversations can continue with Meijer and other retailers.

RideLink: they continue to work to provide vaccine transportation. They will begin onsite trainings for Ecolane digital scheduling and should be able to provide data once they have gone live (June 8th)

Wheels to Work: slowly increasing ridership. Employers are reporting that as vaccination rates increase, they are looking at bringing their workforces back

Kent County Transit: the new fiscal year begins July 1. Their new contract has less funding as the County is anticipating low ridership due to COVID. In addition, it removes the restriction of 20 rides per month. Extra funds may be available later in the fiscal year if needed.

Shared Micromobility: they have had a few recent incidents with scooters and are working to highlight safety measures. In addition, they plan to release Lime e-assist bikes, scooters, and other e-assist vehicles in about a month, but may delay this launch for now. They will be launching a public dashboard soon which would include information such as total trips, unique users, miles, avg distance and duration, and time. They just passed over 100,000 total trips since the beginning of the pilot with around 10,000 users. Avg distance is just over 2 miles. The team is hoping to gather more information as to how folks are using micromobility devices.

Community Partner Updates

Discussion

DUFB sites at farmers markets are open. Most sites are on bus routes and are easily accessible. The daily DUFB match has been increased to \$50 a day and P-EBT funds are also eligible for DUFB increasing access. Posters and flyers available for any agency that would like to distribute, contact Gordie (gordiemoeller@comcast.net) or (616) 293-4727. All information is also available at www.westmichiganfarmmarkets.org

Disability Advocates is working with downtown GR Inc throughout the summer mapping routes and accessibility downtown on Tuesdays at 2:00pm. Sign up here, and please share: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49A8A92BA5FBC52-biweekly>.

Meeting slides: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1TDRxb2Y-zOvzAqvAtdRNI8c4SlclIHwXELtB0i6q9JA/edit?usp=sharing>

