

RTCC Board Meeting – Phase 3 Agenda

January 25th, 2021 at 1 pm – Zoom

Minutes

Attendance: Alissa- WCMCA, Katie Ennen- Grant County, Marcy P-WCMCA, Tom Gottfred MNDot, Cody Rogahn-Pope County, Crystal-Pope County, John P- WCMCA, Beth Heinrich-City of Morris, Brenda Brittin- Rainbow Rider, Liberty Sleiter-Stevens County, Laurie Bonds Douglas County-, Cynthia Spring-Wilkin County, Stephanie Aasness-Dancing Sky AAA, Amy Crowell- Shaun Crowell-MATBUS, Daryn Toso-Transit Alternatives, Cherie Rusch-Traverse County, Heather Moser- WCMCA, Gary Sprynczynatyk-BCBS, Wayne Hurley, J.Akerman. John Groothuis, Jan Boss, Brenda Larson, Lindsey Sand, Robin Christianson-Clay County, Michelle- MNDot, Alex Stoiaken-MNDot, Jake Schutt-MNDot,

1) Introductions/Role Call –

2) Review and Approve December Meeting Minutes-

- Motion made to approve by Cody 2nd by Brenda. - Approved

3) Review and Approve January Agenda

- -Motion made by Cherie, 2nd by John P - Approved

4) Transportation Provider Update

- **MATBUS-** Shaun- Fair Free through March, possible extension. Ridership has slowly increased(paratransit) Fixed routes steady/slight increase.
- **City of Morris-** \$1.25 fairs started in Sept. that is a reduced rate from \$2.50. 60% ridership.
- **Rainbow Rider-** 60% ridership, same as a year ago. Charging fairs since July. Full staff, all routes running except no DAC Grant Co. Route. Increase in Volunteer Driver Ride volume. Operating with 5 drivers.
- **Transit Alternatives-** Public Transit is Fair Free again to encourage ridership, a little over 50% ridership. COVID transport-2 drivers are willing to provide transportation in Otter Tail County. Volunteer Driver Program, lost a couple of drivers. Additionally, have been doing Special Transportation Services (Protected Transport) with two drivers.

5) MNDOT Update –

- Tom-Contract/phase updates. COVID vaccination phases-1b is Transportation phase.
- Michelle- Phase 4 application process; MCOTA Website Update to include TCAP/RTCC to represent them in a consistent way and link to local RTCCs.

6) MCOTA Update –Tom / Heather

- Heather- Operations Group- looked at performance measures. How to review and look back to be able to show progress. Meeting every other week-RFP will go out- 2 year grants for TCAP/RTCCs
- Tom- Volunteer Driver work team- Forum Series, Encourage participation of volunteer drivers especially for those March through June 2nd when form concludes.

7) Other Topics / Discussion

- Change meeting start time to 1:30pm starting next month
- TMCC Video- PowerPoint
- R4 RTCC Podcasts- Tabled/Moved to February Agenda.
- Ready Ride –New Vol. Driver Program – WCMCA- Brenda Larson- Funds through June 2022. 65+ ridership. Annual Enrollment Fee, Cost Sharing Fee based on income. Review of policies and COVID precautions.
- Evolve Transportation

8) GIS / GTFS Mapping in Region 4

- Alex Stoiaken & Jake Schutt – MNDOT- Presentation- Geographic Information System/ General Transit Feed Specification; Standard for transit passenger information. Produces standard data application. Why: Better organization of route data for our statewide system of our rural providers Improved information access to transit users and general travelers in Minnesota.

Meeting Adjourned 2:56pm. Minutes submitted 2:57pm 1/25/2021/ Katie Ennen

Next Meeting on February 22nd at 1:30 pm Via Zoom