



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Specialized Transportation Commission

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Thursday, January 22, 2015

5:15 PM

City County Building  
210 MLK Blvd Room 351  
Madison, WI

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CCB Room 351

#### A. Call To Order

In the absence of Chair O'Loughlin and Vice Chair Veldran, Krause, motion to approve Ferrell to chair the meeting until Veldran arrives. Second Barnard.

The meeting was called to order at 5:19 pm by Ferrell

Others Present: N. Cashin, J. Betzig, and C. Martin

- Present** 8 - JENNIFER HARDESTY, Supervisor MAUREEN McCARVILLE, MICHAEL CONLEY-KUHAGEN, Supervisor RONN FERRELL, Supervisor MATT VELDRAN, Supervisor DOROTHY KRAUSE, CARL DUROCHER, and PATRICK DOWNING
- Excused** 3 - Supervisor DENNIS O'LOUGHLIN, ROBIN SCHMIDT, and PAUL BITTORF

#### B. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

#### C. Consideration of Minutes

1. **2014** LTS MINUTES FROM 12/04/2014  
**MIN-531**

Attachments: [2015 STC Minutes 1204pdf.pdf](#)

A motion was made by FERRELL, seconded by DUROCHER, that these Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Ayes:** 7 - HARDESTY, McCARVILLE, FERRELL, VELDRAN, KRAUSE, DUROCHER and DOWNING
- Abstain:** 1 - CONLEY-KUHAGEN

*Vice Chair Veldran arrived to the meeting and resumed the roll as chair.*

2. **2014** LTS MINUTES FROM 12/18/2014  
**MIN-533**

Attachments: [2015 STC Minutes 1218pdf.pdf](#)

A motion was made by VELDRAN, seconded by FERRELL, that these Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 5 - McCARVILLE, FERRELL, VELDRAN, KRAUSE and DUROCHER

**Abstain:** 3 - HARDESTY, CONLEY-KUHAGEN and DOWNING

#### D. Action Items

None.

#### E. Presentations

1. **2014** 2015 ANNUAL SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
**PRES-114** CALENDAR

Attachments: [STC 2015 Annual Meeting Calendar.pdf](#)

The group discussed the time, dates and locations for the 2015 STC meetings. The meetings will remain on the 4th Thursday of each month at 5:15 pm. Meetings will be held at the City County Building with the exception of the three meetings to be determined (TBD). TBD meeting locations will be at agencies or centers that the Dane County Human Service Transportation Department partners with or serves, preferably one where the location relates to current commission business. Tentatively the April 2015 TBD STC meeting will be hosted at the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

## 2. January 6, 2015 Transportation Coalition Meeting Update

Martin briefed the STC on the January 6, 2015 Transportation Coalition Meeting.

The State Transportation Budget proposal increases revenues with new taxes and fees including an increase in gas tax on new vehicles. The proposal also increases funding to reinstate the \$30 million cut in 2012 to the General Transportation Aids program, add an additional \$15 million for capital programs that help transit systems purchase buses and provide a 1% increase to the s85.21 programs which assist the elderly and disabled with transportation.

Al Runde from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau spoke at length about Secretary Gottlieb's proposed initiatives and funding sources for the Transportation budget.

Jerry Duchane from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities spoke of their support for the Secretary's budget proposal which bridges the growing gap between available revenues and the significant transportation needs.

Dan Bahr and Sarah Dietrich-Kasdorf from the Wisconsin Counties Association spoke in support for the Secretary's proposed Transportation budget initiative and funding sources.

The Coalition continues to support keeping transit funds in the Segregated Transportation fund rather than the General fund.

## 3. NEMT Update

Cashin noted that the auditors involved in the Non Emergency Medicaid Transportation (NEMT) audit have asked several interviewers for suggestions regarding improving the provision of the NEMT benefit. A variety of stakeholders met to submit a letter to the Legislative Fiscal Bureau suggesting an alternative model for the state to use in contracting NEMT services. See the attached letter describing an alternative model

**2014  
PRES-126**

LEGISLATIVE AUDIT BUREAU LETTER

Attachments: [LAB NEMT Recommendations Jan 2015.pdf](#)

## 4. RFP

Cashin reported that Dane County is putting out transportation RFP. One component of the bid is the Rural Senior Group Program, which transports groups of seniors living in rural areas to grocery shopping, nutrition sites and general shopping. Another component is the STS Program, which transports developmentally disabled clients to work sites. The awarded transportation providers will begin service on May 1, 2015.

The bid proposals are evaluated by a team. Dane County is looking for an STC member to participate in the evaluation and selection process.

5. NCST Grant for Mobility Training for Seniors

Dane County received a 5 month grant from the National Center for Senior Transportation. The grant is for testing ideas that will increase seniors' use of public transportation. Dane County in partnership with RSVP will organize bus-familiarization excursions where groups of seniors will ride the bus to a social activity. Before and during the activity they will receive training on how to use the public bus. Seniors that successfully graduate to independently using the public bus will receive free bus tickets to encourage bus use. A second part of the program will be in partnership with the Dane County Care Transition Team, seniors leaving the hospital will be counseled regarding transportation needs to their first follow up post hospital doctor visit. The survey will be able to target seniors who live on the fixed public bus route. Those seniors will be offered mobility training. Seniors that successfully graduate to independently using the public bus will receive free bus tickets.

A local company is designing software for the survey.

**F. Reports to Committee**

Downing is interested in exploring intercity travel options. Cashin will send Downing information on the intercity travel options that exist in the state. He also expressed interest in finding a location to build a bus transfer terminal. DuRocher explained that this is a complex issue that has been discussed in the past and the best place to reintroduce the issue is at the Dane County Transit Committee.

**G. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

Next Meeting will be February 26, 2015

**H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

None.

**I. Adjourn**

*Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jane Betzig*