



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Specialized Transportation Commission

Thursday, March 26, 2015

5:15 PM

City County Building
210 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd.
Madison, WI
Room 351

CCB - Room 351

A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm by O'Loughlin.

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

- Present** 10 - JENNIFER HARDESTY, Supervisor MAUREEN McCARVILLE, Supervisor RONN FERRELL, Supervisor MATT VELDRAN, Supervisor DOROTHY KRAUSE, Supervisor DENNIS O'LOUGHLIN, ROBIN SCHMIDT, PAUL BITTORF, CARL DUROCHER, and PATRICK DOWNING
- Excused** 1 - MICHAEL CONLEY-KUHAGEN

B. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

C. Consideration of Minutes

[2014
MIN-667](#)

STC MINUTES FROM JANUARY 22, 2015

Attachments: [2015_0122 STC Minutes.pdf](#)

DuRocher recommended an amendment to the Jan 22, 2015 minutes. Under "Reports to Commission", DuRocher noted, "Dane County Transit Committee" should be changed to "City of Madison Long Range Transit Committee".

A motion was made by VELDREN seconded by BITTORF that these Minutes be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Ayes:** 6 - HARDESTY, McCARVILLE, FERRELL, KRAUSE, O'LOUGHLIN and DUROCHER
- Absent:** 1 - DOWNING
- Abstain:** 3 - VELDRAN, SCHMIDT and BITTORF

D. Action Items

[2014](#) 85.21 ANNUAL REPORT
[ACT-487](#)

Attachments: [2014 Annual Financial Report FINAL \(2\).pdf](#)

Cashin reviewed the 2014 85.21 Annual Report summarizing transportation project expenses and revenues. O'Loughlin asked if the RSVP passenger revenue for 2014 was typical. Zutter, RSVP Director, confirmed that the revenue was typical. Motion to approve the 85.21 2014 report

A motion was made by SCHMIDT, seconded by KRAUSE, that this Action Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 10 - HARDESTY, McCARVILLE, FERRELL, VELDRAN, KRAUSE, O'LOUGHLIN, SCHMIDT, BITTORF, DUROCHER and DOWNING

1. RFP Update

The Transportation RFP will reopen due to questions from vendors submitted to the Purchasing Department. This will allow bidders the opportunity to review the questions/answers and the opportunity to change their proposals. This delay will result in a June 1st, 2015 contract start date rather than the original May 1st, 2015 start date. Motion to approve June 1, 2015 start up date.

A motion was made by VELDRAN, seconded by SCHMIDT, that this be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 10 - HARDESTY, McCARVILLE, FERRELL, VELDRAN, KRAUSE, O'LOUGHLIN, SCHMIDT, BITTORF, DUROCHER and DOWNING

E. Presentations

2. NCST Grant Update

The grant from the National Center for Senior Transportation (NCST) is for testing ideas that will increase senior's use of public transportation. The Dane County NCST grant has 2 components. In the component 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. Unfortunately, the software tool was not initially reviewed by the hospital legal team. Upon review, the legal team decided the patients will be required to sign a formal authorization in order to participate. The discharge planning team concluded that this additional step would be too time consuming and interfere with efficiently discharging patients. This component of the NCST grant will be discontinued. The grant component in partnership with RSVP, bus-familiarization excursions for seniors which includes training on how to use the public bus, is moving forward. Four fun trips are scheduled. Bus Buddies are available to provide the public bus training during these social excursions. NCST is aware of the discontinuation of the hospital discharge component of the grant and this is acceptable because the 5 ½ month grant was to simply try innovative ideas regardless of success or failure

3. Employment Transportation Update

In 2014, 239 individuals received 31 day bus passes to assist with transportation while seeking employment. Approximately 74% of these individuals were available to participate in a follow up survey. Of the contacted individuals, 75% successfully found employment. This program has proven to be successful and will be continued in 2015.

F. Reports to Committee

RSVP - Zutter

The number of seniors requesting transportation assistance continues to grow. Due to limited drivers RSVP can not meet the transportation demands. The Oakwood Foundation has partnered with RSVP to assist in recruiting and hiring volunteer drivers. Their goal is to add 30 drivers to the volunteer driver pool. With additional volunteer drivers, RSVP would like to meet all the demands for medical rides and offer other types of trips for seniors.

Proposed State Budget Effect on Non Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT).

The proposed budget is vague as to how NEMT will be provided. It is possible that the Department of Health Services will contract with Medicaid providers to set up their own transportation for their clients. The positive to this type of transportation arrangement is that CMOs have an incentive to get clients to their doctor appointments. ACA research results indicate that attending doctor appointments and receiving prompt continuous care can prevent costly health issues.

The budget also suggests one CMO for the entire state. One large CMO would jeopardize client management through IRIS, SeniorCare, ADRC and Family Care.

Metro Transit – Martin.

The 2014 Metro Transit ridership reached 15 million rides. Metro Transit will be expanding service to the UW Clinic on East Terrace. This will be the last expansion based on present resources. Epic receives Metro Transit service and a discussion continues regarding the cost of this partnership. Martin attended one of the Public Hearings on the State Budget Proposal. The majority of speakers voiced concerns with the cut backs to UW and SeniorCare. It is important to promote transportation issues at these hearings. April 6, 2015 is the deadline to submit transportation issues online if one is unable to attend a public hearing.

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

April 23, 2015. 5:15 pm. ADRC - 2865 North Sherman Avenue, Northside Town Center, Madison 53704

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jane Betzing

Note: These minutes are the notes of the recorder and are subject to change at a subsequent meeting of the committee.