



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Specialized Transportation Commission

Thursday, July 24, 2014

5:15 PM

RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program)
517 N. Segoe Road, Madison, WI

A. Call To Order

Chair O'Loughlin called the meeting to order at 5:21 pm.

Others Present: N. Cashin, J. Betzig, M. Zutter, C. Martin, Vets Helping Vets driver-Wayne Jorgenson and Vets Helping Vets passenger-Ralph Shannon

- Present** 6 - JENNIFER HARDESTY, Supervisor RONN FERRELL, Supervisor DOROTHY KRAUSE, Supervisor DENNIS O'LOUGHLIN, ROBIN SCHMIDT, and PAUL BITTORF
- Excused** 3 - Supervisor MAUREEN McCARVILLE, MICHAEL CONLEY-KUHAGEN, and Supervisor MATT VELDRAN

B. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

O'Loughlin thanked RSVP for hosting the STC meeting.

Vet transportation driver, Wayne Jorgenson, and passenger, Ralph Shannon were introduced. Both commented on their appreciation of the Vets Helping Vets transportation program.

Zutter reports that to date there are no alterations in the Federal Senior Corps programing or funding.

C. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2014 MIN-203](#) SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION MINUTES FROM JUNE 26, 2014

Attachments: [2014 0626 Minutes .pdf](#)

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

- Ayes:** 6 - HARDESTY, FERRELL, KRAUSE, O'LOUGHLIN, SCHMIDT and BITTORF
- Excused:** 3 - McCARVILLE, CONLEY-KUHAGEN and VELDRAN

D. Action Items

1. [2014
ACT-123](#) ALLOCATION TO TRANSPORTATION FUNDING RESOLUTION

Attachments: [2014 Fair Transportaton resolution.pdf](#)

The Commission reviewed a sample resolution that supports a fair allocation of the segregated transportation fund which would better balance state funding support for local transportation needs and state highways. The committee discussed transportation funding concerns. Some ideas to increase state transportation revenue were to increase the registration fee to reflect the size and type of vehicle you own and to increase the driver license fee. No action taken on this item.

2. [2014
ACT-125](#) 2015 DRAFT TRANS. BUDGET - JULY 2014

Attachments: [Copy of 2015 Drafth Trans Budget July 2014.pdf](#)

Cashin presented the 2015 Department of Human Service Transportation Budget. At this time the amount of 2015 funding from s85.21 and Metro Transit is undetermined. These funds are budgeted at 2014 levels. The funds will not be less than 2014. The budget is approximately \$5,630,575. Martin and Cashin explained the funding agreement between Metro Transit and Dane County.

R. Schmidt requested a document that compares the 2015 transportation budget to the 2014 budget.

Ayes: 6 - HARDESTY, FERRELL, KRAUSE, O'LOUGHLIN, SCHMIDT and BITTORF

Excused: 3 - McCARVILLE, CONLEY-KUHAGEN and VELDRAN

E. Presentations

1. NEMT Audi Update

State auditors have been assigned to investigate the NEMT brokerage. The auditors are addressing quality of service, cost and number of rides provided by MTM. They will compare MTM NEMT services to the NEMT services provided by counties prior to the state brokerage. It is estimated that MTM provides less than 66% the number of rides and costs more than when the counties provided the service. The Commission will review the outcome of the audit and assess what action to take at that time.

2. Programs Out For Bid

Dane County will be putting rural senior transportation and STS programs out for bid in fall of 2014 for a April 1, 2015 start up. Area organizations coordinate putting transportation programs out to bid in order to prevent a burden on area transportation providers.

F. Reports to Committee

1. Staff Reports

1. Cashin reported on the 5310 Dane County Mobility Programs.
 - a. The Mobility Management-Call Center is fully funded by 5310 and the center took 15,000 calls resulting in 13,500 rides January through June 2014.
 - b. RSVP has provided 103 hours of Bus Buddy training January through June 2014. The Bus Buddies teach clients to use Metro Transit fixed bus routes.
 - c. The MTILP (Mobility Training Independent Living Program) provides a high level of mobility training for individuals with greater challenges. MTILP teaches clients to use the fixed bus routes. Metro's in-person assessments began in June , so no clients have been referred yet.
2. Cashin reported that 75% of the clients using the Employment Transportation Assistance Program have found jobs.
3. R. Ferrell and P. Bittorf discussed the effects of the Transportation Network Companies (TNC) on local cab companies. The concern is that TNCs will try to change community taxi regulation and licensing. The changes could affect the safety and quality of service consumers receive and would be detrimental to small local taxi companies

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

August 28, 2014

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

I. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Minutes recorded by J. Betzig