



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Specialized Transportation Commission

Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Thursday, August 20, 2020

5:15 PM

Remote Meeting: Call: 1 866 899 4679

Access Code: 715-201-565

A. Call To Order

Others Present: B. Carter, M. Zutter and M. Schmelzer.

Staff Present: J. Betzig and L. Osawa.

The meeting was called to order at 5:26 p.m.

Present 7 - JENNIFER HARDESTY, BEN LYMAN, Supervisor MATT VELDRAN, Supervisor HEIDI WEGLEITNER, SHAR BRUNES, Supervisor CARL CHENOWETH, and Supervisor MICHELE DOOLAN

Absent 2 - DONALD ASHBAUGH, and DIANE HARLESS

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020](#)
[MIN-124](#)

Specialized Transportation Commission Minutes July 16 2020

Attachments: [STC Minutes 071620 Final](#)

A motion was made by LYMAN, seconded by DOOLAN, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - HARDESTY, LYMAN, VELDRAN, WEGLEITNER, BRUNES, CHENOWETH and DOOLAN

Absent: 2 - ASHBAUGH and HARLESS

C. Action Items

D. Presentations

1. Retired and Senior Volunteer Program – Volunteer Drivers

Margie Zutter, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Executive Director

Mary Schmelzer, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Driver Services Co-Manager

Zutter and Schmelzer stated RSVP volunteer drivers help older adults live independently in their communities by driving them to medical appointments and transporting home-delivered meals. In addition, the Vets Helping Vets program uses volunteer Vet drivers to transport fellow Vets to appointments. Drivers are selected through a screening process that includes criminal background and driving record checks. Passengers are assured a safe ride. Most volunteer drivers are elderly and discontinued providing transportation in March 2020 due to the COVID pandemic. Essential RSVP ride requests are referred to the Dane County Transportation Call Center (CC) at this time. The CC calls and dispatched rides have increased dramatically. RSVP is in the process of writing safe protocols and procedures for the return of volunteer drivers but this will be dependent on the Dane County positive COVID case trends and CDC guidelines.

2. 2021 Preliminary Transportation Budget

Betzig reported the draft transportation budget for calendar year 2021 is similar to the 2020 budget. The two main federal and state transportation funding sources are Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and People with Disabilities and s85.21 The County Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance program. Funds from the Section 5310 competitive grant support the Call Center and two Travel Training programs. The Section 5310 Grant for calendar year 2021 is expected to be awarded in mid-September 2020. State 85.21 funds are used to support 3 volunteer driver programs, group transportation programs for senior shopping and transport to nutrition sites, rides dispatched from the Call Center to assist with medical appointments and others. The state allocated s85.21 funds for calendar year 2021 are expected to be similar to the funds allocated in 2020. The allocated amount will be announced in early September 2020. An application process to receive the funds will be completed in the fall of 2020.

[2020](#)
[RPT-166](#)

STC Proposed Transportation Budget 1

Attachments: [STC 2021 Proposed Trans Budget 1 082020](#)

[2020](#)
[RPT-167](#)

STC Proposed Trans Budget 2

Attachments: [STC 2021 Proposed Trans Budget 2 082020](#)

3. 2019 Total Rides

Betzig noted the transportation department provided 280,414 rides in calendar year 2019. The majority of the rides were provided by volunteer driver programs, 112,537 rides (40%), which is the most affordable mode of transportation. The Call Center managed 7,624 calls and dispatched 48,568 rides (17%). The Ride bar graph indicates consistent results based on program use. The drastic decrease in GRADC/STS rides in the past two years is a reflection of Family Care entering Dane County. Ride data in calendar year 2020 will appear drastically different, due to changes in programming in order to follow COVID pandemic guidelines.

[2020](#)
[RPT-168](#)

Ride Pie Chart 2019 082020

Attachments: [STC Rides Pie Chart 2019 082020](#)

[2020](#)
[RPT-169](#)

Ride Bar Graph 2016-2019 082020

Attachments: [Ride Trends Bar Graph 2016-2019 082020](#)

E. Reports to Committee

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Thursday, 24 September 2020, at 5:15 p.m. It will be conducted virtually.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

- 1. Betzig requested September 17, 2020 STC meeting change to September 24, 2020. Meeting date change approved.*
- 2. Betzig stated the Metro Transit Paratransit Manager will present at the next STC meeting.*

I. Adjournment

A motion was made by DOOLAN, seconded by LYMAN, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - HARDESTY, LYMAN, VELDRAN, WEGLEITNER, BRUNES, CHENOWETH and DOOLAN

Absent: 2 - ASHBAUGH and HARLESS

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jane Betzig.