



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Specialized Transportation Commission

Thursday, March 15, 2018

5:00 PM 210 Martin Luther King Boulevard, Room 321, Madison,
WI 53703

City-County Building, Room 321

A. Call To Order

Others Present: Mary Schmelzer, Marjorie Zutter, Diana Jost, Jane Betzig and Peter Zander

In the absence of Chair O'Loughlin, the committee elected M. Ritt to chair meeting. Meeting called to order at 5:09 pm.

Present 5 - MATT VELDRAN, ROBIN SCHMIDT, CARL DUROCHER, PATRICK DOWNING, and MICHELE RITT

Absent 4 - JENNIFER HARDESTY, DENNIS O'LOUGHLIN, PAUL BITTORF, and DEE NASH

B. Consideration of Minutes

Specialized Transportation Commission (STC) Meeting minutes January 18, 2018

[2017](#)
[MIN-555](#)

STC Minutes 01182018

Attachments: [STC Minutes 01182018 Final](#)

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

Ayes: 5 - VELDRAN, SCHMIDT, DUROCHER, DOWNING and RITT

Absent: 4 - HARDESTY, O'LOUGHLIN, BITTORF and NASH

C. Action Items

None

Vice-chair Veldran arrived and chaired the remainder of the meeting

D. Presentations

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 - a. In 2017 RSVP transported 87,756 home-delivered meals and provided 14,716 medically related rides, compared to 84,438 meals and 14,615 rides in 2016. Remarkably 654 volunteer drivers, compared to 677 drivers in 2016, provided this transportation. The number of meals delivered and rides provided continues to increase from year to year as total volunteer drivers decline. RSVP focuses on serving the elderly and veterans.
 - b. RSVP provided 1,348 dialysis rides compared to 2,498 rides in 2016. The decline in rides was directly related to 3 clients whom discontinued transportation service. Total dialysis rides are limited to provide service for other types of medical appointments. As the aging population grows the demand for dialysis rides will increase drastically.
 - c. Approximately 20 to 25 riders traveled on each of the Bus Buddy Excursions in 2017, compared to 10 to 15 riders in 2016. This popular program trains groups of seniors to use Metro Transit. The group travels by bus to a city event and lunch as they learn to use mainline bus. Most participants are low income and depend on Metro Transit for transportation. Attached is the Excursion Bus Buddy training schedule for 2018.

[2017
RPT-705](#)

Bus Buddy Tours 2018 Poster - 03152018

Attachments: [Bus Buddy Excursions 2018 Poster 03152018](#)

E. Reports to Committee

1. State Legislature

1. State Legislature. Wisconsin Association of Mobility Management (WAMM) is advocating three 2018 transportation themes: increase funding for specialized and public transit, safeguards to ensure volunteer driver program viability and strengthen the Non Emergency Medical Transportation Advisory Committee and hire a third party external advocate.

2. Federal Legislature

3. Federal Legislature. WAMM is advocating three 2018 transportation themes: increase funding for public transit and specialized transportation, increase the charitable mileage reimbursement rate and reject the ADA education and reform act.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next STC meeting is April 19, 2018, at the CCB, in room 351, starting at 5:00 pm.

[2017](#) STC 2018 Annual Meeting Calendar
[RPT-709](#)

Attachments: [STC 2018 Annual Meeting Calendar 03152018](#)

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

I. Adjourn

No motion to adjourn due to lack of quorum. The meeting ended at 5:35 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Peter Zander