Coordinated Transit Committee Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 10:30 a.m.

Location: MAPA Offices, Omaha, NE – Training Room

In Attendance:
Chair:
Lisa Picker, Heartland Family Services
Vice-Chair:
Ann Grober, City of Council Bluffs

Rhonda Uher, City of Omaha
Gerald M. Kuhn, City of Omaha
Bill Troe, SRF Consulting
Bob Matthews, Black Hills Works
Rich Surber, Lutheran Family Services
Paul Gavin, NDOT
Clint Sargent, Crossroads of Western Iowa
Kari Ruse, NDOT
Vicki Quaites-Ferris, Empowerment Network
Karen Jackson, City of Bellevue
Amanda Parker, City of Bellevue
Erin Porterfield, HWS
Mark Lander, SWITA/SWIPCO
Sara Hansen, Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation
Scott Stopak, City of La Vista
Lillian Rush, Friendship Program Inc.
Lisa Michael, Ollie Webb Center Inc.
Smita Sharma, SRF Consulting
Kelly Shadden, Metro Transit

MAPA Staff
Court Barber
Megan Walker
Travis Halm

For CTC Approval

1. Introductions

Ms. Picker called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., welcomed the committee, and introductions were made.

2. Meeting Minutes – Action Item

Meeting minutes were held until the February meeting due to a lack of quorum. Corrections to the next meeting time were made.

Discussion Items

3. Nebraksa Statewide Mobility Management Plan – Information

Bill Troe and Smita Sharma from SFR Consulting presented on the Nebraska mobility management pilot program that is being tested in Eastern Nebraska. They reviewed the history of the project, the statewide need for better paratransit coordination, and the funding sources used. Mr. Troe went over the regional structure of the mobility management districts, the various providers who are participating, and the roles or the mobility management. Mrs. Sharma reviewed her duties as the regional mobility manager for the pilot project including working on partner outreach and developing coordination strategies.

Mr. Troe recapped the ongoing projects that have been started over the past year. Projects highlighted include regional trip coordination efforts by the rural providers going into Omaha and Lincoln and a text message ride scheduling system that is being piloted through Perdu State University. The Lincoln – Omaha shuttle route that UNO and UNL are working with the state to open to the public for commuter service progress was also discussed.

Kari Ruse presented on the NDOT Vanpooling contract and the vanpools with Gallup and Huddle that are currently operating. There were questions about the employer outreach that has been done, the benefits that employees get from this program, and what obligations employers have concerning payment and organizing. On the issue of how this would work for multiple employers in a single site, Kari responded that it is very possible and often a good idea since it increases the employee pool.

4. Additional Business

The remaining agenda items were tabled due to a lack of time.

5. Next Meeting

The next CTC meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. on February 21st. This meeting will be located at the MAPA Downstairs Training Room.

6. Adjourn

Ms. Picker adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.