

## Coordinated Transit Committee Minutes

**Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 10:30 a.m.**

**Location: MAPA Offices, Omaha, NE – Training Room**

### **In Attendance:**

#### Chair:

Lisa Picker, Heartland Family Services

Mark Bulger, Omaha Association of the Blind

Dan Freshman, City of Ralston

Meredith Dillon, City of Omaha

Rita Hamele, Crossroads of Western Iowa

Phil Johnson, Black Hills Works

Rob Koneck-Wilcox, Eastern Nebraska Community Action Partnership

John Kottman, City of LaVista

Gerald M. Kuhn, City of Omaha

Lee Myers, AARP

Lisa McMichael, Ollie Webb Center Inc.

Amanda Parker, City of Bellevue

Daurine Peterson, SWITA/SWICO

Vicki Quaites-Ferris, Empowerment Network

Lillian Rush, Friendship Program Inc.

Kelly Shadden, Metro Transit

Smita Sharma, SRF Consulting

Chris Solberg, City of LaVista

Randy Stonys, Eastern Nebraska Human Services Agency

Rhonda Uher, City of Omaha

### **MAPA Staff**

Court Barber

Christina Brownell

Travis Halm

Megan Walker

### **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**

Ms. Picker introduced the December 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes for approval and asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections. A correction should be made to correct the spelling of Randy Stonys' name under 'Attendance' and it was also noted that there was an additional blank page that should be removed.

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Mr. Koneck-Wilcox MOTIONED to approve the December 13, 2017 minutes with the changes and corrections noted above.

Mr. Stonys SECONDED.

Motion passed.

Ms. Picker introduced the January 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes for approval and asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections. It was noted that there was an additional blank page in the minutes that should be removed.

Ms. Uher MOTIONED to approve the January 17, 2018 minutes with the changes noted above.

Mr. Koneck-Wilcox SECONDED.

Motion passed.

## Discussion Items

### 3. Review of the Coordinated Transit Plan (CTP) – Information

Ms. Walker provided an update and review of the CTP to the committee. The update included a review of the schedule that was used in developing the plan, demographics (current and projected out 10-20 years), goals and strategies, needs and gaps, and an introduction of the Mobility Guide. A question was asked regarding the possibility of a One-Call Center, Ms. Walker stated that Metro Transit and the State of Nebraska already have a call-center in place so rather than creating an entirely new call-center the goal is to promote and make better use of those existing services. Ms. Picker asked what the plan is for providing transportation for rural Iowa and Nebraska. Ms. Walker stated that our agency deals with urban and suburban but noted that Smita Sharma, NDOT's new Mobility Manager, is currently working with the state on a statewide mobility management network to broaden the network in the rural communities and more effectively provide services to the rural areas. Ms. Quaites-Ferris and Ms. Picker noted that it is important for this committee to become a part of the conversation for workforce development and employment. For example, when our Chamber is recruiting a business/company to come to our area, are they taking into consideration access to transportation for their workforce?

### 4. 5310 Update

Mr. Barber provided a 5310 update to the committee including a review of the Program of Projects (POP) for 2016 – 2022 and current costs from NDOT. Mr. Barber stated that 5310 funds are programmed out through 2022, for FY-18 funds, MAPA is still waiting for official apportionment from FTA. Mr. Barber stated that FY-16 is fully programmed and FY-17 has a small remaining balance, however FY-18 has a significant amount of extra funds available along with additional \$90,000 from projects that are not going forward. Previously the committee has filled previous request to use those additional funds, however 2016 – 2019 was all one call for projects and in that call for projects there was very little additional asks as nearly all of the request were filled. Mr. Barber stated that the committee could opt to move projects forward or go forward to 2020-2022 and pull some of the asks that were not fulfilled and add those projects. Ms. Picker stated that the committee has

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considered moving projects forward and doing a new call for projects for the illustrative years (2021-2022). Mr. Barber stated that a benefit to moving projects forward would allow the committee to use the new selection process. Ms. Picker asked that staff bring forth a recommendation to the next committee meeting as an action item.

### **5. Political Education and Advocacy**

Ms. Walker provided an update on political education and advocacy activities to the committee and reviewed the outcomes of the group meetings.

### **6. Additional Business**

Ms. Walker introduced to the committee Smita Sharma, NDOT SE Region Mobility Manager.

### **7. Next Meeting**

The next CTC meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. on March 21<sup>st</sup>. This meeting will be located at the MAPA Downstairs Training Room.

### **8. Adjourn**

Ms. Picker adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.