Coordinated Transit Committee Minutes

Date: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 10:30 a.m.

Location: MAPA Offices, Omaha, NE – Training Room

Voting Members in Attendance:
Chair:
Lisa Picker, Heartland Family Services
Vice Chair:
Ann Grober, City of Council Bluffs

Mark Bulgar, Omaha Association of the Blind
Anne Erickson, Florence Home for the Aged
Dan Freshman, Cities of LaVista/Ralston
Cliff Hall, Friendship Program
Rita Hamele, Crossroads of Western Iowa
Karen Jackson, City of Bellevue
Phil Johnson, Black Hills Works
Rob Koneck-Wilcox, Eastern Nebraska Community Action Partnership
Bob Matthews, Black Hills Works
Lee Myers, AARP
Amanda Parker, City of Bellevue
Daurine Peterson, SWITA
Vicki Quaites-Ferris, ENCAP
Kelly Shadden, Metro Transit
Randy Stonys, ENHSA
Scott Stopak, Cities of LaVista/Ralston
Rich Surber, Lutheran Family Services
Katherine Young, Friendship Program

Associate Members in Attendance:
Robert Blair, UNO Rural Transit Project
John Davis, Happy Cab/zTrip
Lisa McMichal, Ollie Webb Center
Melanee Peterson, Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation
Smita Sharma, NDOT
Dan Stache, Omaha Public Schools
Morgan Vogel, UNO Rural Transit Project

MAPA Staff
Court Barber
Christina Brownell
Travis Halm
Emily Sneller

1. Introductions –

Ms. Picker called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m., welcomed the committee, and introductions were made.

For CTC Approval –

2. Meeting Minutes – Action Item

Ms. Picker introduced the June 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes for approval and asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections.
Ms. Grober MOTIONED to approve the June 20, 2018 minutes with the changes and corrections noted above. Mr. Wilcox SECONDED. Mr. Myers then stated the provided minutes to the committee were from the May 2018 meeting. Meeting minute approval was withdrawn and tabled for the August meeting.

For CTC Discussion –

3. zTrip –

Mr. Davis from Happy Cab discusses transition to zTrip with a brief discussion of its origins from Kansas City and their incorporation into Omaha. Further discussed the features of zTrip and the advantages of its use which will attract a wider client base especially with younger millennials. In addition to zTrip, it was mentioned that 15 new wheelchair accessible vans along with one used van were purchased and deployed for use. Mr. Davis also presented the zTrip app for available for download with user friendly interface and accurate GPS locator. Users will be able to easily enter in their destination with the option to safe frequently visited locations as well as get car and driver information. Users will also be able to choose their vehicle type including wheelchair accessible vehicles. Further discussion and questions from multiple other attendees followed Mr. Davis's presentation.

4. Enterprise RideShare –

Ms. Cynthia presented RideShare which is a division through Enterprise Holdings. This new commuting service with Nebraska already has five vehicles out and Iowa having 24 with both states seeing bigger companies use their services. Ms. Cynthia discusses RideShare's beginnings and Enterprise's purchasing of them in 1994 along with the growth and successes of RideShare's services in other States across the country. RideShare's purpose is to offer an alternative commute solution for groups of four or more people who live in the same general area that commute 15 plus miles each way to a common work place. Although there are needs some vehicles used for commutes less than 15 miles each way. With this service, commuters are seeing cuts in cost ranging as high as 75% due to savings on wear and tear on personal vehicles, insurance, maintenance, as well as other factors. Ms. Cynthia then informs how commuting groups divide duties within the group including coordinating routes, designated drivers, and riders. Provided with Rideshare's service program is a wide range of vehicles to choose from in order to fit the needs of group sizes including vans and crossover SUVs. Along with the vehicles provided by RideShare is the inclusion of insurance, all maintenance, road side assistance and prepaid fuel cards. In addition, all groups have the option to upgrade vehicles with a variety of features like

Wi-Fi. Ms. Cynthia also went into further detail about what the insurance through RideShare covered along with maintenance provided. Since companies have started implementing RideShare they seen an increase in retention with employees do to its stress free transportation and reliability. After the presentation, discussion and questions were asked by other attendees for more information about RideShare.

5. 5310 Update –

Mr. Barber gives a brief update to the committee about where they are with 5310 project funding. Speaking with NDOT Mr. Barber was informed that a few vehicles have been ordered and log into the system but are waiting on delivery. A follow up to when the vehicles will be delivered will be done. Mr. Barber also mentioned a grant workshop taking place with the subject of program selection as well as what happens when vehicles have been received through NDOT.

6. Draft Program Management Plan –

Mr. Barber informs that he has sent the draft PMP along to NDOT, IDOT, and FTA for their review. Once there is approval from CTC and FTA it can move forward.

7. Education and Advocacy Group Update –

Ms. Walker updates the committee on discussion she's had with UNO on videos being done and may of the members will be contacted to provide interviews from the students. Ms. Walker asked that members inform her of what clients who would like to be interviewed as well. Additional aspects are also being worked on with UNO, one being a service learning project and the other being a state wide rural transit outreach. Ms. Walker also informs about a summit being held in November along with AARP about aging with a CTC focus. Further discussion and questions from the committee were asked about the updates given.

Additional Business

No additional business

8. Next Meeting

The next CTC meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on August 15th. This meeting will be located in the MAPA Training Room.

9. Adjourn

Ms. Picker adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.