

Coordinated Transit Committee Meeting



Wednesday August 17, 2022
Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, NE 68102
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MINUTES

In attendance:

Voting Members

Ann Grober (Council Bluffs)
Rich McFall (Nebraska VR)
Amanda Parker (Bellevue)
Kailey Stanley (La Vista / Ralston)
Donna Monteleague (Papillion)
Jane Bird (Black Hills)
Tammy Bradley Larson (Florence Home)
Mark Lander (SWITA)
Lisa McMichal (Ollie Webb)

Non-Voting Members

Melanie Davis (Munroe Myers Center)
Anne Woodruff (Munroe Myers)

MAPA

Carlos Morales (MAPA)
Travis Halm (MAPA)
Court Barber (MAPA)
Lindsey Button (MAPA)

Ann Grober called the meeting to order at 10:33am.

Action Items

- A. Approval of the Minutes from June 15, 2022 meeting.

Bradley-Larson made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 25, 2022 meeting.

McFall seconded this motion.

YES: unanimous

NO: 0

Motion carried.

- B. Draft 2022 Coordinated Transit Plan

Travis Halm, Lindsey Button, and Court Barber presented on the draft Coordinated Transit Plan

Mark Lander, SWITA brought up the issue of service reliability, and that the ability to be flexible on routes is challenging based upon rider.

Melanie Davis, Munroe Meyer Institute, noted that MOBY requires 90 minutes at a location between pickup and dropoff, citing challenges in which this causes. Davis also noted that 5310 providers do not coordinate usage of buses while not in use.

Ann Grober noted liability prevents Council Bluffs from transporting anyone other than their own clients.

Mark Lander added that coordination has been attempted for 7-8 years but the ability to find the funding necessary (millions more needed) is a challenge that must be addressed by elected officials if truly transformative service and coordination takes place. He added that cities currently do not have the ability to pay for this level of service increase.

Marcus Chaffee, City of Omaha, inquired what types of feedback are being requested

Halm added that anything that needs to be tweaked or changed should be commented on. Halm added that needs for major overhaul would be heard if necessary.

Grober made a motion to Approve the Draft Coordinated Transit Plan.

McFall seconded the motion.

YES: Unanimous

NO: None.

Discussion Items

C. 5310 Funding

Court Barber, MAPA added the following 5310 notes:

- COVID funding available to municipal providers and Black Hills Works
- Vehicle delivery delays persist.
- 2022 contract funding is now available
- MAPA is considering shifting program management of 5310 back to NDOT but would still want to perform selection duties.

D. Additional Business

Discussion was had of having a new membership position of a paratransit user as a voting member. Florence Home is a voting member.

Motion to adjourn made by Ann Grober. Meeting was adjourned at 11:49am.

Future Meetings/Events

CTC: October 18, 2022

TTAC: August 18, 2022

MAPA Board of Directors: Thursday, August 24, 2022