

Missouri Transportation Task Force
Meeting Agenda: Tuesday, December 3rd, 2019
3:00-4:00PM

Members on the call: Ed Thomas - CCDDR, Chaz Nickolaus - MODDC, Cory Schmitt – MO Rides, Rob Hohnan – MERIL, Melinda Cardone - ILRC, Bill Bivin – Nebraska Statewide Mobility Manager, Jerom Theunissen – Easterseals/National Center for Mobility Management, Mary Gordon– Missouri Rural Health Association, Joan Roeseler – MoDOT, Jessica Kilroy– Institute for Community Inclusion , Mallory Box– Missouri Public Transit Association/CMT, Andrea Holloway – Department of Mental Health, Sandy Keyser– Department of Mental Health, Pete Breting – Pike County SB40, Teresa Wilke – Silver Arrow Strategies, Bill Gamble – Gamble & Schlemeier, Jeff Johnson – MO People First,

1. Missouri Foundation for Health Transportation Convening (Teresa Wilke)

a. Recap and discussion surrounding next Steps

Best guess was about two-thirds of the attendees were healthcare-related professionals. Theresa will be capturing data and sharing it with the group.

2. Perspectives from Nebraska (Bill Bivin- Nebraska Statewide Mobility Manager)

There have been many barriers in Nebraska and there is still a long way to go. One of the obstacles has been data collection. Regions did not have the tools to work together and data regarding trips and costs was not in one location. An earlier project with the DOT created an online portal for invoicing, training, maintenance, and other things, but it still needs improvement to become more user friendly. There was also a lack of basic tools such as a list of regional transit agencies and their contact information.

Getting stakeholders in the same room or to a meeting is difficult and the group had to expand to reach more decision-makers. There is not really a way to incentivize and motivate people to get involved. The focus right now is on regional entities and bringing awareness to transit. Those interested in getting involved have been from manufacturing, business, economic development, tourism, community colleges, universities, healthcare, and hospitals. Bill is with the University of Nebraska Omaha and is working under a contract with the DOT. The data collection system was developed with FTA funds and it can be given away or demonstrated for anyone, it is not proprietary. Nebraska spends \$3.30 per capita on transportation. There will be an RFQ for software to coordinate transit systems.

3. Legislative and Executive Branch Updates (Ed Thomas & Cory Schmitt)
a. Meeting w/ 77th District Rep Steven Roberts

The Task Force will be having an informational discussion with lawmakers on Tuesday, January 14th from 8:30 am to 9:30 am in Hearing Room 2 at the Capitol.

b. Info session with lawmakers in January
i. Identify talking points and delegate tasks

Statistics, laws in other states, and several solutions could be shared. Numbers from Tri-County Transit could be shared. Those would show what was being spent on transportation before Tri-County Transit and what is being spent now. Cost resonates with legislators and they will listen if they know something will save money or not cost very much and bring economic benefits. A one-page document or small cards with talking points should be created to have at the January 14th meeting.

Pete and Ed have not had a chance to touch base on the legislative piece yet but this meeting will be a foot in the door. Someone from MPTA should be involved. MPTA may already have some of the numbers the Task Force is looking for. Workforce development boards and the statewide community action organization may be able to help tie transportation to employment numbers. The Task Force mission statement has been developed and now a cohesive message is needed.

An email will be sent out to the group to see who is interested in the legislative committee and preparing for the January 14th presentation.

4. Future Meeting Dates/Other Business

- December 18th – 3:00 p.m. conference call to plan one-pager/talking points for 1/14.
- January 7th –3:00 p.m. conference call, review draft handout for January 14th meeting
- January 14th presentation/discussion – Hearing Room 2 at the Capitol in Jefferson City, 8:00 am to 9:00 am