

Transportation Task Force Steering Committee

Conference Call Notes

Tuesday, November 5th, 2019

Participants: Ed Thomas, Cory Schmitt, Jerom Theunissen, Andrea Holloway, Pete Breting, Joan Roeseler, Michelle Brown, Shay Bernard, Susan Steinbeck, Sandy Keyser, Jessica Pabst, Teresa Wilke, Jeanna Booth, Rachel Baskerville

Meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

Introductions were made

Ed Thomas repeated the names of folks on the call for the record

1. Re-Cap of October 10th Meeting

Ed Thomas had meeting notes from last meeting and Cory Schmitt sent them out to 8-9 people, but not everyone. Had productive meeting - identified 2 groups established - data collections and outreach. There may be sub groups created from the 2 main groups. Cory Schmitt talked about different state models and what they look like.

2. FTA Grant Opportunities

The recently published FTA grants were discussed. \$50 million is the total for all grants announced. There is a \$3.5 million grant for a pilot program, but it seemed to center around capital projects - technology, coordinating centers, pilot programs – upstart funding that can be done in any area. Examples of eligible projects for the \$3.5 million grant were partner with transit to get veterans to appointments, bringing people to food sources, and the St. Louis mobile medical project. There are also \$40 million available, but the group was unsure what that entailed. Deadline for submission is in early January 2020. Jerom Theunissen discussed FTA - 5310-5311 grants and partnerships with community agencies. MO-DOT applies for 5310 and 5311 grants.

3. Executive & Legislative Branch Support

We will need to reach out to legislators and governor about Transportation Task Force. Ed Thomas talked about the Minnesota Council on Transportation Access and thought it was a good example. Ed Thomas also mentioned it may be worthwhile to develop a “white paper” type document to present to the Governor and legislators, highlighting what the Task Force would like to do for Missouri public transit. Identifying other stakeholders and soliciting additional participation from state agencies and other folks is critical. The group discussed seeking endorsement from the Governor as well on the heels of Missouri as a Model Employer Announcement. Ed Thomas and Pete Breting will work on this and will seek an additional partner who is not I/DD system related. The Task Force should also involve the Missouri Public Transit Association. The upcoming legislative session would be a great time to introduce the Task Force’s initiatives.

4. Group Assignments:

a. Identify Existing Supporting Data: Ed Thomas stated many different reports out there. Missouri has gone from 17 cents per capita spending on public transit (2014 AASHTO Report) to 34 cents per capita spending on public transit (2019 AASHTO Report). Ed Thomas will work on how Tri-County Transit has affected the Lake area – maybe 5-6 page summary of the Tri-County project to share with legislators. Pete Breting will look into obtaining grassroots data out of Pike County - people who could get to employment and medical appointments if they had public transit services. Andrea Holloway will see if the Department of Behavioral Health has any transportation data. Pete Breting will also inquire about the Workforce Development contact in Pike County.

b. Identify Additional Participants & Potential Collaborations. Use examples presented in October on other states' collaborations (Nebraska and Iowa). Jerom Theunissen will contact people in those states to see what they had to do and the challenges they faced. Hopefully, someone from one of those projects can be on the December conference call so we can ask questions and have conversations.

5. Next Steps:

FTA Grant - Jerom Theunissen will look into the \$40 million portion of the grant.

Re-Cap Assignments – Identifying existing data, surveys - reach out to workforce development boards.

Ed Thomas asked that anyone who was not announced at the beginning of the meeting and for those who began participation after the call was in progress to email him so that they could be added to the record.

Next meeting - December 3, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Announcement and reminder to Task Force: Missouri Foundation for Health – Transportation and Health Convening on November 15th from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM at the Hilton Garden Inn in Columbia.

Adjourn - 3:12 p.m.