

## Missouri Statewide Transportation Taskforce Meeting

December 1, 2020 3:00 pm

I. Call to Order – Ed Thomas, - Chair

Role: Chaz Nickolaus; Laura Mueth; Ed Thomas; Debbie Gwin; Joni Roessler; Jim McKee; Mallory Box; Holly Reiff; Zoe Miller; Angie Scott; Kenny Hutchison; Sandy Kaiser; Jim McKee; Mary Gordon; Jill Stedem; Susie Matthews; Dave Weiler; Jack Gamble; Tom Epling

II. Thanks to Cory Schmitt and appointment of new co-chair – C. Nickolaus

Jim McGee is willing to be co-chair, would like more information. He and Chaz will meet off line and talk more about it.

III. “Moving Maine” Zoe Miller with Greater Portland Council of Governments - A. Scott

Reviewed PowerPoint “Advancing Mobility in Maine: Building Capacity for Inclusive and Coordinated Planning”.

Slide show will be shared with group.

Q&A

Did you have enough transit provider capacity to meet the needs of rural residents in Maine? Yes, we have transit that is serving a large portion of Maine, but reality is there are some real challenges. That is why this effort has been needed. A lot of interest in building on some of the services we have in some of the urban areas- add on to fixed route transit to add on-demand services or shopper shuttle services. Other big part of the conversation is that fixed route transportation is not going to be answer. How do we build on the grass roots volunteer driver programs? Looking at how to support non-profit agencies. RFA out for coordinator to provide TA to programs in the state.

Are there insurance issues with volunteer drivers? There was a webinar put on by NADTC this week or coming up about how to address insurance issues. It seems like when there is a will there is a way to overcome that. Webinar is on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>.

How do you overcome the barriers to braiding funding? We have trouble braiding funding within the same Department. Has had similar issues in Maine. This is another reason folks have been brought together in Maine. CCAM has some resources about this issue. Required getting the right people into the room to determine what it would take to blend the funds.

How much was Maine’s grant? \$240,000.

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IV. PPE Resource guide- A. Scott

Survey sent to over 250 Specialized Transportation Providers. Angie shared the results from the survey.

26% of the transportation rides in the St. Louis area by OATS are COVID rides. PPE was absolutely critical. Lost two providers in Jefferson County. Demand is up overall, COVID related rides are up, providers are down, and things just keep getting worse. In the spring the number of rides for COVID were less than a percent.

Angie will send resource guide Corey put together to Chaz to share with the group.

V. Status of "Interagency Committee on Special Transportation" - E. Thomas

Discovered a few years ago there is a statute to develop this committee, but it never happened. Is there a way to join forces with MPTA to bring this information to the legislature and encourage them to convene this committee? Chaz will send blurb to Mallory and she will see if this is something they can assist with.

VI. Discussion on MO DOT's request for increased transit funding- C. Nickolaus

How do we get the ear of MoDot/Legislators?- Joni- MPTA is active and has the ear of the legislature. MoDot proposed budget would add \$6.2 Million to public transit budget. MEHTAP \$3 Million. Half to AAAs, other half to other non-profits. Can be used to match federal dollars.

MPTA will have a document in the next week or so with funding recommendation for Director McKenna and the proposed budget.

VII. Next meeting 02/03/2021

VIII. Adjournment