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3:00pm-4:30pm

MO Transportation Task Force Meeting

Attendees:

Ed Thomas (Camden County DDR), Angie Scott (Boonslick RPC/MO Rides), Brandon Roccio (NCMM), Emily Hartley (MO DD Council), Laura Mueth (MO Governor's Council on Disability), Holly Reiff (MO Dept. Mental Health), Marissa Peterson (Central MO AAA), Pete Breting (Pike County SB40), Michael Anderson (Delta Center for Independent Living), Mary Gordon (MRHA/HealthTran), Stacy Kaylor (Dept. Social Services).

Meeting Details:

Call to Order – Ed Thomas

Happy Retirement to Chaz – his presence on the task force will be greatly missed.

Approved Angie Scott as Co-Chair for the Missouri Transportation Task Force

Thomas Epling with Department of Social Services was scheduled to present on their Workforce Initiatives Program. Thomas was not able to present. The task force will follow up to inquire about rescheduling.

The task force is in the process of trying to establish communication with our legislators. One of the goals of the task force is to get a place at the table with the Interagency Committee on Transportation. Ed suggested we contact MoDOT to spark some conversation and reach out to folks to get a discussion started. We would like to get an idea of how much money flows through the state of Missouri

The Missouri Transportation Task Force has decided to meet monthly for the time being via zoom.

Angie Scott-Gave an update on the 2021 Missouri Public Transit Association Policy Agenda.

- **Priority #1:** Support the MO Highway and Transportation Commission request of \$8.4 million for Missouri transit. This request would include \$6.7 million from General Revenue and \$1.7 million from the State Transportation Fund.

- **Priority #2:** With regards to COVID response in 2021 and vaccine distribution, advocate for prioritization of Missouri transit's front line workers as essential workers with high priority for vaccination.
- **Priority #3:** Every transit provider in the state of Missouri provides paratransit services. These services are essential for healthcare access, job access, and education. The costs of these rides range from \$12-\$93. Without these services, many in Missouri would not be able to live let alone prosper. MPTA is supporting a per ride subsidy of \$5. This subsidy will provide much needed, predictable funding for MO providers to ensure this service is provided.
- **Priority #4:** Support a statewide funding plan for transit access for workforce development. Adoption of such a plan would reflect the importance of public transit to expanding opportunities for job access and growth to all Missourians.
- **Priority #5:** Oppose any efforts to allow conceal and carry on transit and advocate for state-supported law enforcement on transit.

Discussed the investment potential and gain from funding put into transit. Example: 50% of the local match for the Lake Ozark Strip Express Bus was 100% funded by private businesses.

As a group, we are committed to moving this Transportation Task Force forward. An overall goal for the group is to collaboratively work together to improve transportation barriers and show up to the table with your voice and ideas.

Always be on the lookout for potential funding streams. Suggestion was made to continue having guest speakers at our monthly task force meetings.

As a group we would like to look at memorializing our efforts and what were doing here as a group in the form of a not for profit.

Our next meeting will be March 2, 2021 at 3:00pm.