**Missouri Transportation Taskforce**

**June 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**June 1, 2021 3pm**

* **Attendees**
  + On call- Laura Mueth; Jill Viehman; Jake Jacobs; Pete Breting; Enjoli Dixon; Michael Anderson; Ed Thomas; James McGee; Sandy Keyser; Chad Eggen; Marissa Peterson; Hayden Clark; Holly ; Mallory Box; Brandon Roccio; Dante Gliniecki; Kenny Hutchinson; Mike Foley; Mary Gordon
* **DSS Workforce Initiatives Team (Thomas Epling)**
  + Work to bridge gaps- employers getting employees
  + People looking for work
  + Look to bridge the transportation gap, help participants become self-sufficient
* **TransitCon (Enjoli Dixon)**
  + November 2020 wanted to start a transportation conference
    - (virtual platform) for anyone who wants to talk about transportation
    - Host programming throughout the year, free to users and hosts
      * Working women in transportation presentation
      * Enjoli Dixon is Lead Program Manager
      * Transitcom.org is website for more information
* **Uber/Lyft Free rides to vaccine appointments (Mindy)**
  + Lyft is offering $15 towards each ride to and from a vaccination appointment for a total of $30. If ride costs more, rider pays only the difference.
  + Uber is offering $25 towards each ride to and from a vaccination appointment for a total of $50. If ride costs more, rider pays only the difference.
* **Open Discussion**
  + Template for legislators letters
    - Working on form letter for anyone to send to legislators to inform on James McGee’s Interagency on Special Needs Transportation
  + Survey to MACDDS Membership- COVID 19 Vaccination Appointments
    - Reponses represented about 20% of counties in Missouri
    - Only 53% knew of public transportation in their area
      * OATS and SMTS available in most counties in the State of Missouri
      * Surprised at lack of knowledge of public transit in the area- particularly in rural areas.
      * Education needed throughout State, especially in rural areas.
  + Directories for Transportation Providers
    - MPTA's directory includes all the 5311 providers <https://mopublictransit.org/members/member-orgs/>
    - MO Rides directory includes all types of providers
  + Infographic on funding for transportation in Missouri and surrounding states: <https://mopublictransit.org/2021/05/17/2021-legislative-session-recap-missouris-limited-transit-investment-remains-unchanged-federal-funding-increases-covid-relief-bills/>
  + Chad Eggen, Boonslick, willing to have Mo Rides present to MACDDS on available transportation, and on the mobility management website.
  + Enjoli Dixon shared that Iowa is a great example of Mobility Management across the whole state. MoRides has done a lot of work on mobility management in Missouri.
  + Mallory Box shared- the Midwest Transit Conference in September. This is a multi-state conference that includes Missouri, Iowa, and Kansas. <https://web.cvent.com/event/fd468bc4-c964-47a6-b96c-c853cd972476/summary>.
  + Missouri Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing- have hand sanitizers and clear masks available.
  + Pete Breting- Got a grant for volunteer drivers but had issue with insurance and underwrite any program when the driver was using their own vehicles. Visvolunteers.com and CIMA both provide insurance for volunteer drivers. ITN provides volunteer drivers in St. Louis area, and may have info on insurance.