

Minnesota Council on Transportation Access Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2013

I. Call to Order

Chair, Tim Henkel, called to order the regular meeting of the Minnesota Council on Transportation Access at 1:08 pm on January 24, 2013 in the Minnesota Department of Transportation Aeronautics Building, 222 E. Plato Blvd, St. Paul, MN.

Attendees

Members Present

Chair-Tim Henkel, Minnesota Department of Transportation

Vice Chair- Joan Wilshire, Minnesota State Council of Disability

Gerri Sutton, Metropolitan Council

Ron Quade, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (phone)

Chuk Hamilton, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (phone)

Others Present

Judy Ellison, Minnesota Department of Transportation

Jackie Peichel, Minnesota Board on Aging

Bob Ries, Minnesota Department of Human Services

Noel Shughart, Minnesota Department of Transportation

Mike Schadauer, Minnesota Department of Transportation

Elaine Koutsoukos, Metropolitan Council

Members Absent

Scott Leitz, Minnesota Department of Human Services

Tim Held, Minnesota Department of Health

Britta Reitan, Minnesota Management and Budget

Kelly Wosika, Minnesota Department of Education

Tony Kellen, Minnesota Public Transit Association

Tina Armstrong, Minnesota Department of Commerce

Mary Koep, Minnesota Board on Aging

Michael Quadrozzi, Governor's Office

II. Review and Approval of Agenda

No quorum, review and approval delayed

III. Review and Approval of Minutes from 11/27/12

No quorum, review and approval delayed

IV. Economic Benefit Study

Ms. Simer reviewed a draft of *Calculating Benefits of Transportation Coordination: Four Minnesota Case Studies* and drew our attention to page 3 to review the following four programs:

- MNET's "On the Move!" Travel Training for Reduced Paratransit Costs
- SmartLink Transit Coordination of Medical Assistance Travel
- Metro Transit Student Go To Pass Partnership with Minneapolis Public Schools
- Hubbard County Heartland Express Shared dispatch services with Paul Bunyan Transit

Ms. Willshire suggested a webinar to highlight our findings and share with other providers on.

Mr. Schadauer suggested adding to this document each year in an effort to create a compendium of coordination case studies.

V. Twin Cities Areas Coordination Action Plan

Elaine Koutsoukos, Metropolitan Council, presented Metro's Local Human Services Coordination Plan.

The plan is used to distribute JARC, New Freedom and 5310 Transportation for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities funds in the seven county metro area.

To find the plan it's available at

<http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/transportation/CoordinationPlan.pdf>

Contact Elaine at 651.602.1717 or Elaine.Koutoukos@metc.state.mn.us

VI. NEMT Committee Update

Ms. Willshire pointed out that there will no longer be an STS portion.

Mr. Shughart highlighted the recommendations from the committee are identical to what MCOTA submitted.

VII. Budget Update

Mr. Shughart directed out attention to the one pager on budget document

Mr. Schadauer suggested creating a starter kit with any excess dollars available.

VIII. Member Reports

Mr. Ries mentioned that the counties have completed their bi-annual access plans and

he has begun reviewing them.

Ms. Peichel announced that the Community Service and Community Services Development (CS/SD) Grants request for proposal was posted in the state register Monday, January 28, 2013.

Mr. Shughart announced that initial discussions have begun with the Minnesota Board on Aging regarding phase II of the Veterans Transportation Community Living Initiative.

MnDOT and Metropolitan Council testified at the special committee on transportation.

IX. Public Comments

No comments

X. Adjournment

Mr. Henkel adjourned the meeting at 2:32 P.M. Next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2013. MnDOT - Aeronautics Building, 222 West Plato Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55130.

Minutes submitted by Jacqueline Peichel, staff to the Minnesota Board on Aging

XI. Hand-outs

- MCOTA Agenda January 24, 2013
- MCOTA Meeting Minutes November 27, 2012
- Calculating Benefits of Transportation Coordination: Four Minnesota Care Studies
- Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Coordination Action Plan, Metropolitan Council
- MCOTA Budget 6/26/2012