

West Virginia Transportation Coordination Council Meeting
WV Bureau of Senior Services, Charleston Town Center Mall, 3rd Floor
July 24, 2013
Minutes

Members Present: Susan O'Connell, David Bruffy, Jason Cook, Jeb Corey, John R. Davidson, Jr., Paul Smith for Jan Lilly-Stewart, Tammy Pritt-Jones, Deloris Wilder

Others in Attendance: Christina Risk

Not present: Cynthia Beane, David Haden, Lee Horton, Gaylene Miller, Randy Myers, Larry Paxton, Ben Shew, Pat Woods

- I. **Call to Order:** Susan O'Connell, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.
- II. **Reading and Approval of the January, 2013 minutes:** The Meeting Minutes from the January 2013 meeting were approved by David Bruffy and seconded by John R. Davidson, Jr.
- III. **Old Business:**
 - A. WAVE wheelchair-accessible taxi
Jeb Corey spoke about how although ridership numbers are good, they have hit a plateau. Two more wheelchair-accessible taxis have been acquired and are almost ready for service. Jeb feels that with the extra two vehicles, pressure will be taken off the driver of the current WAVE taxi, and expansion will be possible.
 - B. Alternative Fuels
John R. Davidson, Jr. asked about progress on KVRTA purchasing CNG busses for their fleet. Susan said the authority was on board as long as the fueling station was located either on site or close by. It was mentioned that propane stations were being built around the state. David Bruffy spoke about Mountain Line Transit's interest in purchasing electric buses, which would be fueled by the authority's new solar power station. The council discussed how unless the underlying infrastructure is built and sustained, long term support for alternative vehicles will not last.
- IV. **New Business:**
 - A. MAP-21
Susan O'Connell said that MAP-21 guidance has been slow to come out from FTA. Only the Section 5307 (urban) and Section 5310 (seniors and individuals with disabilities plus New Freedom) circulars have been released in draft form. Susan said MAP-21 will focus more on Title VI plans, safety changes, asset management and contained major changes to the federal transit program. David Bruffy noted that there was no funding for capital replacement in the State of Good Repair grant and that may cause problems in a few years when vehicles need to be replaced.
 - B. Legislation
Deloris Wilder asked about any transportation legislation from the 2013 session. Susan mentioned that a couple of transportation bills never came out of committee. The bill exempting NEMT brokerage never made it out of committee but the Bureau of Medical Services currently has a proposed NEMT brokerage out for public comment.
 - C. Affordable Care Act
The council discussed how the new Affordable Care Act will expand healthcare coverage in the state and how medical transportation services will be impacted. Tammy Pritt-Jones said her agency is estimating 90,000 more people after the Medicaid expansion.
 - D. Other
 1. Susan O'Connell mentioned that the Section 5310 (seniors and individuals with disabilities) grant applications are available now and due to Toni Boyd at the Division of Public Transit by September. The Division also partnered with the Department of Education to distribute bus safety bookmarks at the beginning of the school year. Other Division activities include videos and pocket guides about the issues adults with Autism may have riding public transportation. This was coordinated with the WVU

Centers for Excellence in Disabilities. Susan also said the Division will be preparing an RFP for the regional coordination plans at the beginning of 2014.

2. David Bruffy talked about how Mountain Line Transit Authority has created a Mobility Manager position that implements the coordination plan for several counties. They contracted with In Touch & Concerned to dispatch the authority's vehicles if needed. This increases ridership and lowers costs. He is talking to the senior centers in Harrison and Marion Counties about bringing them on board, and hopes to talk to those in Taylor and Preston Counties as well.
 3. Deloris Wilder spoke about a referral source called the "Aging and Disabled Resource Center". It is sponsored by the WV Bureau of Senior Services and shows what services are available throughout the state. The web address is <http://www.wvnavigate.org/> and the phone number is 1-866-WVS-ADRC, or 1-866-987-2372.
 4. The Division of Public Transit inquired and has discovered that Dan Hartwell, from the Bureau of Children and Families, has retired.
- E. Conference Call for the January Meeting
The council discussed plans for the January Meeting. It was decided to hold a conference call due to potential weather issues. It will be held **January 15, 2014 at 10:00.**

The Chair asked if there was any further business. There being none, Deloris Wilder declared the meeting adjourned and John R. Davidson, Jr. seconded.