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DIVISION OF PUBLIC TRANSIT

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
CHARLESTON  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 5-04

By the Governor

WHEREAS, the continuing development of infrastructure to support all transportation needs is essential to the State's economic development growth and to the benefit and well-being of all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, enhancing access to transportation will improve the mobility, employment opportunities, and availability of community services to citizens who are transportation-disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, both State and federal government have allocated millions of dollars to fund transportation infrastructure within this State; and

WHEREAS, the State funded \$39.3 million for the development of its public and medical transportation systems during the last fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the State's monetary resources earmarked for this purpose may be used more efficiently and effectively through the creation of strategies to increase current resources, eliminate duplicated agency efforts, and centralize the management of resources.

NOW THEREFORE I, BOB WISE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Governor of West Virginia, do hereby ORDER that:

1. The West Virginia Transportation Coordinating Council [Council] is hereby created.

2. The Council shall be appointed by the Governor. The Council shall serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor. The Governor, at his discretion, may appoint additional members to the Council.

3. Serving as members of the Council shall be:

- (a) The State Coordinator, Americans with Disabilities Act.
- (b) A representative of the Bureau of Senior Services.
- (c) A representative of the Department of Education.
- (d) A representative of the Workforce Development Division, Development Office.
- (e) A representative of the Department of Transportation.
- (f) A representative of the Bureau for Public Health, Department of Health and Human Resources.
- (g) A representative of the Bureau for Medical Services, Department of Health and Human Resources.
- (h) A representative of the Bureau for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Resources.
- (i) A representative of the Office of Behavioral Health, Department of Health and Human Resources.
- (j) A representative of the Fair Shake Network, a State advocacy program for the disabled.
- (k) Two members representing the public transportation community.

- (l) A member representing the emergency medical transportation providers' community.
  - (m) A member representing Perdidos, a State transportation advocacy organization.
  - (n) Two members representing public transportation consumers with disabilities.
4. The representative of the Department of Transportation shall serve as chair.
  5. The Council shall study issues pertaining to the effective and efficient use of transportation resources including, but not limited to, the following:
    - (a) Coordination of transportation services;
    - (b) Elimination of waste and overlap caused by duplicated agency efforts; and
    - (c) Elimination of service gaps to enhance citizen access to all available transportation and resources.
  6. The Council shall coordinate its efforts with the United States Department of Transportation.
  7. The Council shall participate in and apply for grants through the federal United We Ride program.
  8. The Council may consult with outside experts and receive the testimony of the public during its regularly scheduled meetings.
  9. The Council shall present a report of its progress to the Governor, to both Houses of the Legislature, and to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance prior to the first day of December each year of its existence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol, in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the sixteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Four, and in the One Hundred Forty-First year of the State.



*Bob Wise*  
GOVERNOR

*Robert M. Anderson*  
SECRETARY OF STATE