



Draft Meeting Minutes
Region 6 Policy & Technical Committees Joint Meeting
Monday, May 10, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Livingston County Historic Courthouse, 2nd Floor
112 W. Madison Street, Pontiac, Illinois 61764
Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Meeting

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am.

2. Attendance

- **In Person:** Jennifer Sicks, Raymond Lai, Tania Barreto, Francesca Lewis, Ashlyn Bristle & Sydni Brantley (McLean County RPC); Laura Dick, (SHOWBUS); Kathryn Johnson (East Central Illinois Agency on Aging); Ben Wilson (Kankakee County RPC); Luke Hohulin, (McLean County Highway Department); Adeana Fox (Futures Unlimited).
- **Virtual:** Melissa Ohrwall, (IDOT), Erin Richey (Good Shepherd Manor, Momence).

3. Announcements

- a. No announcements were made.

4. Items for Discussion

a. Update on Draft 2024 Regional Plan

- i. The draft Region 6 Human Services Transportation Plan was released for public comment and review from May 1 to May 30, 2024. The public comment period was publicized through the Pantagraph and the Kankakee Daily Journal. Comments have been received via the online comment form and email.
- ii. A hybrid public hearing to discuss the plan and provide another opportunity for public and stakeholder engagement will be held on May 30, 2024.
- iii. Laura Dick (SHOWBUS) offered several comments about inaccurate language used in the plan to define SHOWBUS routes and operations. Members discussed the language and its legal repercussions of such language, used in the plan to properly define SHOWBUS services. Melissa Ohrwall (IDOT) noted that she would contact the appropriate parties for guidance on this issue. Laura offered comments on the affordability of services and Management Care Organizations (MCO) operations in the plan.

b. Region 6 Policy Committee Members Status

- i. MCRPC will be reaching out individually to identify to identify designated representatives for the Policy Committee from each county. A quorum of Policy Committee members is needed to act on items at the next meeting.

c. Upcoming Meetings – Time, Day, and Date

- i. MCRPC is exploring other locations to host Region 6 Committee meetings, as the Pontiac Courthouse is not a central location for all participants in the region. MCRPC is open and looking for suggestions for locations or facilities available for quarterly meetings. The Region 6 Committee will likely meet during the RTAC conference instead of a regular meeting. The next joint committee meeting on June 17, will be dedicated to having the Technical Committee’s review and the Policy Committee’s final approval of the 2024 Human Services Transportation Plan.

5. County Transportation Committee/Provider Status Updates

- a. MCRPC is contacting Region 6 Counties and sharing the bylaws which dictate the requirements of who from each county structure should be serving on the Region 6 Technical and Policy Committees. Once a consistent meeting location and schedule are set, a review of Region 6 Technical and Policy Committee Bylaws will be reexamined for restructuring and to determine if County Transportation Committees are still functioning and able to provide recommendations for people to serve on the Region 6 Committee. The goal is to have 2 people from each County serving on the Technical Committee and 1 person from each County serving on the Policy Committee.
 - i. Ford
 - ii. Iroquois
 - iii. Kankakee: The KATS MPO leads a Transportation Advisory Committee. Ben Wilson suggested including attendees from this committee in the Region 6 Technical Committee.
 - iv. Livingston: Adeana Fox (Futures Unlimited) will reach out to someone to find a suitable contact within Livingston County.
 - v. McLean: The Transportation Advisory Committee is active and meets on a regular basis. Key participants in this group are SHOWBUS and other social and transportation services agencies providing services in the urbanized area of McLean County.

6. IDOT Update – Melissa Ohrwall

- i. Vehicle orders have been placed and delivery timeframes will be communicated email once they know more. The Rockford MTD

Maintenance Workshop will have hands on training for lifts and is a free for 5310 agencies.

7. Next Meeting – Monday, June 17th, 2024, Livingston County Historic Courthouse.

8. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 11:13 am