



DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Human Service Transportation Plan (HSTP)
Region 6 Technical & Policy Committee
McLean County Regional Planning Commission

Monday, December 16, 2024; 10:30 A.M.

Livingston County Historic Courthouse, 2nd Floor
112 W. Madison Street, Pontiac, IL 61764
Hybrid (In-Person & Virtual Meeting)

Attendance (* = Indicates Virtual Attendance)

Members Present Laura Dick (SHOW BUS), Luke Hohulin* (McLean County Highway Dept.), Kathryn Johnson (East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging), Cara Larson* (Good Shepherd Manor), Craig Monson (Livingston County Board), Cindy Ihrke* (Ford County Board), Melissa Ohrwall* (IDOT), Adina Fox (Futures Unlimited), Erin Richey* (Good Shepherd Manor)

Staff Present Raymond Lai, Jennifer Sicks, Thomas Valencia, Jake Cerviosaret (all MCRPC)

Others Present Charlie Schlenker (WGLT)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A.M.

2. Attendance

Attendance by Committee members was determined and is listed above. A quorum was present in-person.

3. Public Comment

Ms. Sicks advised that no request for public comment was received and that no one is present to offer comment.

4. Approval of Minutes of September 6, 2024

Ms. Fox offered a motion to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2024, meeting minutes and was seconded by Mr. Monson. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Items for Action by the Policy Committee

Ms. Sicks indicated that there were no items for action for the Policy Committee.

6. Items for Discussion

a. Regional Provider Transition, Cooperation & Coordination

- i. Ms. Sicks noted McLean County's transition away from SHOW BUS at the start of FY 2026. She further noted that a search for a new provider is underway, and the expectation that that provider will coordinate with the rest of Region 6. Ms. Sicks asked Ms. Ohrwall if she had any updates on the transition. Ms. Ohrwall said that vehicles from the previous Consolidated Vehicle Procurement (CVP) cycle are being manufactured and delivered. She also brought up an upcoming 5310 CVP training. Ms. Sicks asked Ms. Ohrwall how many of the SHOW BUS vehicles assigned to McLean County will be reallocated to the other Region 6 counties after the transition. Ms. Ohrwall responded that she did not have an answer at this time.
- ii. Ms. Sicks asked the representatives of the counties who will continue to use SHOW BUS to communicate what their needs will be after the transition. Ms. Ihrke said that Ford County is discussing forming a tri-county group with Livingston and Iroquois Counties, and also noted that Ford County was looking at the services provided in Vermillion County. She also said that Ford County has unique needs that benefit from on-demand transportation providers rather than a typical bus service. Ms. Dick brought up that counties have historically been the final arbiter of what service they need, and that moving forward that will continue. Ms. Sicks asked Ms. Ihrke if her board has a timeline of when these decisions will be made. Ms. Ihrke replied that they are just beginning to create a timeline.
- iii. Ms. Sicks requested that committee members reach out to MCRPC if they need advice in the transition. Ms. Johnson said they need assistance from nonprofit agencies to identify local needs.
- iv. Ms. Sicks then asked representatives from the §5310 agencies to give a report on where they are in the transition process. Ms. Ihrke said there has been minimal communication between Ford County and service providers, so she does not know what their status is. Ms. Larson reported that Good Shepard Manor is awaiting the delivery of CVP vehicles from IDOT. Ms. Fox told the committee that her team is waiting for three new vehicles as well.
- v. Ms. Sicks asked Ms. Dick if she had anything to add from SHOW BUS. Ms. Dick said that it is important not to conflate subscription service with contract service, and that the latter is more effective given local contexts. Ms. Dick

expressed concern over the speed of this transition and the need for new legislation to keep downstate transportation functional. Ms. Dick also expressed concern with whether SHOW BUS will transport people into McLean County after the transition. She did not recommend transferring riders to McLean County's future service provider because most of those riders are high-risk and/or medically fragile.

b. Other items for discussion

- i. Ms. Dick advised that Iroquois County has a local meeting that occurs simultaneously with the quarterly HSTP meeting. She recommended that members of this committee try to attend. Ms. Sicks said that MCRPC staff would be willing to attend local meetings at all the counties, and that she would be willing to reschedule the Region 6 quarterly meeting to reduce conflicts, if acceptable to the Region 6 participants.

7. County Transportation Committee/Provider Status Updates

Ford – No Report

Iroquois – No Report

Kankakee – No Report

Livingston – No Report

McLean – No Report

8. Next Meeting – March 17, 2025 (Livingston County Historic Courthouse, 2nd Floor)

The next meeting will be Monday, March 17 at 10:30 A.M.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 A.M.

Meeting Minutes Prepared By:

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