



Notes

Transportation Advisory Committee

Meeting of February 13, 2019

LIFE Center for Independent Living

2201 Eastland Drive, Suite 1, Bloomington, Illinois

Committee and Others in Attendance:

Rebecca Wheat, Advocate-BroMenn ADS
Martin Glaze, Connect Transit
Shelley Snider, Connect Transit
Doretta Herr, Faith in Action

Michael Predmore, **Marcfirst**
Laura Dick, SHOW BUS
John Corey, Citizen Representative
Jennifer Sicks, MCRPC

The session was called to order at 2:04 p.m.

Ms. Sicks advised that no requests for public comment were received.

Ms. Wheat offered a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2018 meeting, and was seconded by Mr. Corey. The minutes were approved without objection.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

None. The Committee moved directly to discussion and provider status.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Ms. Sicks briefly updated the status of the Connect Transit Short-Range Transit Plan being developed by MCRPC. The project remains in progress, as does the development of a Complete Streets implementation strategy for the community.

URBAN AREA PROVIDER PROGRAM STATUS

Connect Transit

Mr. Glaze advised that Connect Transit is embarked on public outreach regarding proposed routes changes and a proposed fare change, with two of eight outreach events already held. Fare changes will include mobility fare increases. The Olive route is likely to be discontinued, and smaller route changes will be made to the Gold, Silver and Orange routes. Mr. Glaze and David White will be meeting at OSF regarding the new building and continuity with Better Bus Stops.

Ms. Snider noted that Connect Transit is almost connected into the Logisticare network for scheduling paratransit trips, but will not be tying in to Molina or Meridien. Mr. Glaze noted that the new CVP-sourced Mobility vehicles must be inspected by the Inspector general's office, as some of the managed care agencies require additional certifications. Ms. Wheat noted that the state is contracting with the MCOs for care, and wants transportation services to be part of the care package.



Marcfirst

Mr. Predmore advised that no significant changes have taken place at Marcfirst, apart from the continuing .

Advocate BroMenn

Ms. Wheat noted that the reduction in bus stops at housing and social service locations; such as libraries and other facilities; it makes it difficult to maintain proper schedules. It would be very helpful if Connect Transit could review the decisions made in these instances. Mr. Glaze noted that some locations narrowed the options available in introducing transit, but that there were locations that were not manageable for fixed route service but which might accommodate paratransit vehicles. Mr. Glaze and Ms. Wheat discussed the impacts of criteria for defining mobility service locations and character requirements, with Ms. Wheat noting that state and federal transportation community is pushing community engagement.

Ms. Wheat noted that two new providers of specialized mobility-type service have emerged, one of which provides what they call "medical transportation" or a concierge style service for using Uber or Lyft. Ms. Sicks will contact them about working within TAC.

Faith in Action

Ms. Herr advised that in 2018, Faith in Action served 689 unduplicated users, with total trips in excess of 75,600 miles provided. She noted an uptick in Lincoln Tower service requests, and noted similar activity in other areas pursuant to vulnerable riders.

Homes of Hope

Ms. Phillips was unable to attend.

LIFE-CIL

Mr. Calhoun was unable to attend.

SHOW BUS

Ms. Dick advised that it will be possible to start the long-anticipated intercity service in April, and with regard to the IDOT agreement, will request an extension into/through 2020. Ms. Dick noted that IDOT has approved 2020 5311 applications, but that the form of the documents of the documents could delay funding.



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NEXT MEETING

The Committee is scheduled to meet on March 13, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. As that schedule conflicts with the RTAC conference, and unless alternative date can be found, the meeting will be cancelled with anticipation of meeting in April.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer A. Sicks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer Sicks
Land Use/Transportation Planner
McLean County Regional Planning Commission