

MINUTES
NORTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 4, 2022
Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission Hosted In-Person & Virtual Meeting

MEETING ATTENDEES: Kathy Groeschel (ADRC of Calumet County)
Traci Robinson (ADRC of Sheboygan County)
Brian Jacobson & Elisabeth (Libby) Stockton (ADVOCAP)
Jeff Agee-Aguayo & Heena Bhatt (Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission)
Lisa Conard (Brown County Planning Commission)
Pam Busch (Door County)
Nikki Voight (Door-Tran)
Adam BellCorelli (East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission)
Andrea Vlach & Essie Fels (Green Bay Metro)
Peggy Zielinski (Northeast Wisconsin CAP)
Sandy Popp (Options for Independent Living)
Jim Collins & Steve Tomasik (Oshkosh GO Transit)
Derek Muench (Shoreline Metro)
Sarah Schneider (Valley Transit)

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Christel Giesen (ADRC of Brown County)
Beth Roberts (ADRC of Winnebago County)
Linda Spitzer (ADRC of Sheboygan County)
Nicole Davis-Dawald (ADRC of Winnebago County)
Valerie Hoff (Enterprise Holdings)
Debbie Stobbe (Green Lake County)
Nick Musson (GWAAR)

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Jeff Agee-Aguayo called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Agenda Review, Repair and Approval

Moved by Lisa Conard, seconded by Adam BellCorelli, carried without amendments.

3. Review and Approval of July 12, 2022, NEWRATC Meeting Minutes

Moved by Nikki Voight, seconded by Adam BellCorelli, carried without amendments.

4. Public Input – None

5. State and Federal Legislative Update (All) – None

6. Update on Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (All)

Nikki Voight shared the contact information for a Client Advocate, Que Hatchett, 608-673-3207. Clients who are having a difficult time scheduling rides are asked to follow the proper procedure; however, they can contact Que if their needs are not being met.

7. Committee Member/Program Updates (All)

Lisa Conard, Brown County Planning Commission, shared that they are working on the Section 5310 funding distribution for 2023. The Section 5310 funds will support mobility management, Curative Connections and Green Bay Metro projects.

Peggy Zielinski reported that she is working on the launch of a new employment transportation program in Shawano that will be a nice fit with their short-term housing program; funding is being sought for this program at this time.

Traci Robinson shared that the Sheboygan County ADRC is working through the ARPA funding at this time. A Section 5310 application was submitted for operations and a vehicle.

Steve Tomasik indicated that at GO Transit, fixed-route ridership was up 29% year-to-date from 2021, and noted that paratransit ridership also increased. However, GO Transit has also seen a decrease of 21% in senior program riders. The GO Transit renovation project is almost complete. Two new buses were received, with two more arriving soon.

Sarah Schneider shared that Valley Transit's focus in October is marketing to seniors.

Kathy Groeschel shared that the ADRC of Calumet County submitted a Section 5310 grant for operating and for a vehicle.

Sandy Popp, Options for Independent Living, shared that staff have had much success working with Green Bay Metro on meeting consumer needs through the fixed-route and microtransit services.

Nikki Voight stated that Door-Tran submitted a Section 5310 grant for mobility management and operating. They are waiting for the WETAP grant application to be made available, which funds a portion of their vehicle repair and purchase loan programs.

Pam Busch is researching wheel tax options for sustainable funding, and requested that anyone who has a wheel tax in their area to please share information about it with her.

Essie Fels shared that Green Bay Metro is also seeing an increase in services. As of October 1, Saturday hours for microtransit services were extended based on need.

Adam BellCorelli with East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission shared that he is working on a regional safety plan and updates to the Equity Engagement Guidebook. These projects included input from the community.

Brian Jacobson, ADVOCAP, shared that their volunteer program is going very well.

Jeff Agee-Aguayo, Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission (BLRPC), introduced Heena Bhatt to the group. Heena shared that they are working on a shared-ride taxi application for the City of Marinette. Jeff shared that staff is working on the long-range transportation plan for the Sheboygan area, and that a draft work program for 2023 and transportation improvement program for 2023 – 2026 for the Sheboygan metropolitan planning area had been released for review. Heena and Jeff are also busy finalizing the details for the MPO/RPC/WisDOT/USDOT transportation planning conference that is taking place at Blue Harbor Resort and Conference Center in Sheboygan next week.

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Derek Muench discussed hosting the Wisconsin Public Transportation Association (WIPTA) conference at Blue Harbor the week of October 17th, and also discussed potential upcoming changes at Shoreline Metro, including possible service to the Town of Sheboygan that had been years in the making, as well as providing more frequent service to the Village of Kohler.

8. Other (All) – None

9. Next Meeting –January 10, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (in-person & virtual)

10. Adjournment

Moved by Lisa Conard, seconded by Derek Muench, motion carried. Adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Busch, Secretary