



ROCK COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2018

Call to Order: The meeting of the Rock County Transportation Coordinating Committee was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Vice-Chair, Joyce Lubben, at the Rock County Courthouse, 51 South Main Street, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, seconded by Joe Scharenbroch, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Present: Kim Burkhalter, Patty Hansberry, Javier Huerta, David Hyde, Dave Lowe, Joyce Lubben, T.J. Nee, Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, Joe Scharenbroch, Ryan Schomber

Alternate: Becky Veium

Excused: Lynn Jones, Ryan Krzos, Roseann Tremain

Introduction of New Members and Board Terms: New members Javier Huerta and David Hyde were introduced. Joyce Lubben reported that the County Board has approved the appointment of Ryan Krzos from Janesville Metropolitan Planning Organization and will be appointing a county supervisor from the Human Services Committee. Mike Bachmeyer from Janesville Transit has been submitted for approval.

Introduction of Visitors: Also present was Mike Bachmeyer, Janesville Transit System.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Kim Burkhalter asked if Janesville Transit System was still thinking about expanding evening and weekend hours.

Approval of January 12, 2018 TCC Minutes: A motion was made by T.J. Nee, seconded by Joe Scharenbroch, to approve the January 12, 2018 minutes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Cycling Without Age: Javier Huerta reported that one trishaw has been delivered. Policies and Procedures for the program are being finalized. He is working on locations for storage of the bikes and has been working with the Velo Club and others to recruit “pilots.”

Review of the Current Coordinated Plan and Updating Process: A handout describing the required elements and reporting requirements for the 2019-2023 Coordinated Plan was distributed. Joyce Lubben stated she and Mr. Huerta met with Ryan Krzos to discuss this planning process as the State indicates it should be led by Regional Planning Organizations or Metropolitan Planning Organizations. Having a well-thought out plan is important as it affects the scoring for DOT grant applications. The State does not expect plans to be completely new, rather updated. Several sites were identified as potential locations for the public input meeting. Members agreed that this session could be combined with one of the required sessions for the three-year county aging plan since there are common issues. It was decided this meeting will take the place of the healthcare providers’ meeting. Ms. Lubben will locate a site for the public input meeting which will take the place of the July TCC meeting. Members were asked to identify potential invitees and submit those names and contact information to either Ms. Lubben or Mr. Huerta.

Agenda for Healthcare Providers’ Meeting: See above discussion.

New Business:

Wisconsin Transit Riders Alliance presentation: Javier Huerta attended the Annual Wisconsin Transit Riders Alliance presentation on April 30th. Jackie Eastwood, Transportation Planner for the LaCrosse Area Planning Committee, presented a summary of the LaCrosse Area Transportation Plan. Key points taken from this presentation and shared were the support locally that is needed for rural transportation planning as well as the 5311 Grant that is specifically used for LaCrosse’s Scenic Mississippi Regional Transit Service that provides rural transportation services linking residents to urban area resources. Members requested a copy of the PDF.

Janesville Police Department Pedestrian Safety Initiative: Javier Huerta reported that he met once with Sgt. Ellis of the Janesville Police Department, discussing the possibility for a Pedestrian Flag Crosswalk System. Four potential cross walk areas were identified that currently do not have crossing guards. Other areas using this are Brooklyn, WI, Evansville, WI, and Madison, WI. This project is low-cost as well as easily engineered but would need continued community outreach to let the public know what the flag purpose is. Members asked for statistics on this. Mr. Huerta will forward the Madison website link.

Governor’s Steering Committee on Autonomous Vehicle Testing: Javier Huerta attended Governor Walker’s Steering Committee on Autonomous and Connected Vehicle Testing and Deployment on April 25th. Presenters were Sheryl Gross-Glaser from the Community Transportation Association of America, Kristina Boardman from the Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles (WiDOT) and Trooper Tracy Drager

from the Wisconsin State Patrol. Discussion centered on ideas, possible issues that may arise, and accessibility. Overall, Wisconsin is 5-10 years away from autonomous vehicles being fully launched.

National Aging & Disability Transportation Center Grant Opportunity: Javier Huerta discussed a grant opportunity for RCTCC to consider. The grant is intended to support the development of program innovations designed to increase the availability and accessibility of community transportation services for people with disabilities and older adults. The grant would be up to \$20,000.00 for a six-month period. The grant asks for a program that provides an inclusive process that engages older adults, people with disabilities and caregivers, collaboration involving local transportation, ADRC's, organizations and stakeholders, coordination with local transportation planning processes and exploration of funding options to support program, data collection to identify options, gaps, needs and preferences as well as developing the framework moving forward after the grant period ends. The committee agreed to move forward with the application.

Member Reports:

Becky Veium reported that Community Action is taking applications for its drivers' license reinstatement and renewal program.

Action Plan for TCC Members/Items for Future Agendas:

1. Joyce Lubben will identify a location for the public input meeting.
2. Members will forward names and contact information of potential invitees for the public input meeting.
3. Becky Veium will discuss the facilitation role with Lynn Jones.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Javier Huerta, seconded by T. J. Nee, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Minutes not official until approved by the Rock County Transportation Coordinating Committee.