

Transportation Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 9, 2015

Call to Order: Vice Chair Terry Nolan called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. at Rock Valley Community Programs.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Steve Skelly, seconded by Rob Wilkinson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Present: Jennifer Anselmi, Supervisor Brenton Driscoll, Patty Hansberry, Lynn Jones, Joyce Lubben, TJ Nee, Terry Nolan, Ryan Schomber, Steve Skelly, and Rob Wilkinson

Excused: John Hanewall, Michelle Gavin, Rebecca Smith

Alternates Present: Dave Lowe, Joe Scharenbrock

Approval of the November 14, 2014 Minutes: A motion was made by Supervisor Benton Driscoll, seconded by Steve Skelly, to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

Introduction of Visitors: Also present was Travis Schueller from Rock Valley Community Programs.

Citizen Participation, Communication, and Announcements: Travis Schueller noted that Terry Nolan had provided Rock Valley Community Programs with a geo-coded map of all the Beloit and Janesville Transit bus stops. He noted that it would benefit their clients to see later weekday hours and weekend hours available for bus travel.

Old Business:

Hiring of Mobility Manager: Joyce Lubben reported that she, assisted by Jennifer Anselmi and Terry Nolan, have interviewed for the third time. The position has been offered and accepted.

2015 Membership Terms: An updated listing of membership terms was distributed.

NEMT Legislative Audit: Joyce Lubben shared a draft letter from the committee working with the Legislative Audit Bureau staff regarding the Non-emergency Medical Transportation program. The committee has made suggestions to the LAB on how to restructure NEMT management.

New Business:

City of Janesville's Milwaukee Street Proposal: Terry Nolan provided information on a proposed traffic flow change on a section of Milwaukee Street. She explained a "road diet", which is a change from 4 travel lanes to 2 travel lanes, a center left turn lane, and bicycle lanes would improve safety by reducing certain types of crashes, slow speeds, and provide a bike accommodation. Citizen input was against the proposal for fear of congestion, therefore the city decided not to make the change. Dave Lowe made a motion, seconded by Rob Wilkinson, to support improvements for bicyclists and pedestrians on city streets.

Sub Committee Reports:

Bicycle Pedestrian: No report.

Personal Mobility: No report.

Marketing and Outreach: No report.

Advocacy: No report.

~~**Planning for 2015 TCC Activities:** As a reminder, the TCC work plan was distributed. Terry Nolan stated she would like to reach out to the drivers' education classes sponsored by Community Action.~~

Member Reports:

Steve Skelly stated Rock County Transit has received two new buses. Two older buses will be sold at public auction. As of December 31, 2014, the volunteer driver program was discontinued. Most of the riders can receive transportation through veterans organizations and a few riders will use RSVP.

Rob Wilkinson stated his term as a board member of the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (the area agency on aging) will end in June 2015. It would be good to have a replacement come from Rock County.

Dave Lowe reported as of November 2014, they were 300 rides ahead of the previous year in Edgerton.

T.J. Nee stated the Beloit Transit Development Plan is about 1/3 completed.

Lynn Jones reported that Community Action will be receiving a grant for the Working Wheels program that covers approximately 95% of the budget. This means they will be able to provide around 20 loans in Rock and Walworth Counties.

Terry Nolan stated she is working on a contract with Google Transit. The Sustainable Janesville Committee is interested in working with UW-Whitewater Student Senate to support the Janesville/Milton/Whitewater bus route. Jackson Street from the bridge to Delavan will be resurfaced and may be the next street to have a road diet considered.

Future Meeting Dates: The next TCC meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2015.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Dave Lowe, seconded by Joyce Lubben to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.