



TRANSIT COORDINATION PLAN ADVISORY TEAM MEETING
City Utilities Transit Operations Center Conference Room
Springfield, Missouri
25 January 2007

The following members were present:

Jim Applequist, Southwest Missouri Office
on Aging
Larry Arnold, National Federation for the
Blind
Steve Billings, MoDOT
Carol Cruise, City Utilities Transit
Sheri Davis, Springfield-Greene County
Parks and Rec
Janelle Edwards, Missouri Council of the
Blind

Howard Fisk, Fisk Transportation
Michelle Fittro, OACAC
Michelle Garand, Community Partnership of
the Ozarks
Diane Hogan, City Utilities Transit
Scott Kosky, OATS
Ray McMenemy, Springfield Workshop
Sue Phillips, Rehab Services for the Blind
Bill Robinett, MoDOT
Dan Watts, SMCOG

The following staff were present:

Natasha Longpine, OTO

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Larry Arnold called the meeting to order.

2. MINUTES

The minutes from the December 7, 2006 meeting were approved.

3. STEVE BILLINGS, ADMINISTRATOR OF TRANSIT, MoDOT

Mr. Billings discussed the purposes of these locally developed human services transportation coordination plans, as well as how they affect the distribution of funding from several sources including 5310, JARC, and New Freedom.

The plans are required to include an assessment of available services, an assessment of needs, strategies to address the gaps between services and needs, and relative prioritization of strategies. Prior to adoption, a public meeting needs to be held for public participation in the plan.

Projects for the affected funding categories must be derived from strategies in the plan. Mr. Billings warned that the use of optional project lists can be so specific that funds could not be used where needed. An workable example would be a strategy addressing the need for vehicles to provide seniors with mobility. Then a list of activities developed to accomplish that strategy.

MoDOT will be holding 11 workshops across the state to address the coordination plans. The Springfield workshop will be held April 3 at the MoDOT District 8 offices.

One question came up regarding JARC funding. As far as the state is concerned, preference will be given to existing projects. Mobility management is allowable under New Freedom, which New Freedom does not generally have a problem identifying eligible projects for fixed routes whereas the determination of “beyond ADA” for demand-response service is problematic.

St. Louis is using a planning firm and has just awarded their first grant. Kansas City is soliciting a planning firm. The rural areas will probably use the regional planning commissions to complete the plans. The plans will also need to be updated about every four years.

3. DATA NEEDS - SURVEY

Natasha reviewed the questions in the online surveys for both transportation providers and non transportation providers. The question on type of agency for non-providers will be updated with different options. A new question was added to capture any service issues found during the January ice storm.

A printable version of the survey will be posted with the online version so agencies will save time in completing the online version. A letter will be provided for those who are not part of the Advisory Team will understand the need for completing the survey. This will be sent out to known agencies as well as team members for inclusion of additional participants.

4. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ABOUT PROCESS

None at this time.

5. NEXT MEETING – FEBRUARY 22, 2007

6. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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