## Local coordinating board for transit Meeting minutes

May 10, 2018

3:00 p.m.

OTO Conference Room

2208 W Chesterfield Blvd., Suite 101

Springfield, MO

### Attendees

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| Diane Gallion | Linda Starr |
| Megan Clark | Kelly Turner |
| Jeff Robinson | Rene Frazier |
| Irwin Cohen |  |

### Staff Present

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| Andy Thomason | Sara Fields |

### I. Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Gallion brought the meeting to order at 3:05pm. Introductions were made. Guest included Irwin Cohen, Shelia Nichols, Kelly Turner, and Rene Frazier.

### II. Public Comment

Ms. Gallion asked if anyone wished to make public comment on any agenda item. No public comments were made.

### III. approval of the May 10, 2018 Agenda

Ms. Starr made a motion to approve the agenda of the November 9, 2017 meeting. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### IV. Approval of the november 9, 2017 Minutes

Ms. Star made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2017 meeting. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### vI. New Business

Mr. Thomason reported that there were two new community-driven programs in the Springfield Area seeking to address transportation for seniors, individuals with disabilities, and the under-resourced. These programs could potentially be eligible for 5310 funding in the future, so he thought it would be good hear about these programs now.

1. **Abilities First**

Ms. Nichols stated Abilities First did not want to go into the transportation business. They were applying for $29,000 to fund a steering committee to propose solutions for making transportation for seniors and individuals with disabilities better. The committee will be made up of service providers, transportation providers, seniors, and individuals with disabilities from all over Greene County. The grant funds will help cover transportation costs, meeting space costs, printing supplies, and a little overhead. Awards should be announced on June 29 and projects should commence on July 2. The steering committee must present final recommendations to the funding agency by December 31. Abilities First does not have expected outcome from the steering committee.

1. **TRIP Program**

Mr. Cohen said he always begins by saying the TRIP Program is not intended to replace any existing program. It is intended to fill gaps. The TRIP program reimburses clients the cost of paying a friend or family member for a trip. Clients are authorized to take a certain number of trips to key destinations and are allowed set mileage for discretionary trips. Clients receive reimbursement monthly. This program was developed in Riverside California and has been used for over 20 years. The client is free to get a ride from whom ever they choose, and there are no insurance requirements for drivers. The program is being deployed locally in conjunction with the Northwest Project. Approximately 35 families have been preliminarily approved as program clients. Clients will be reimbursed approximately $0.32/ mile.

### v. Old Business

1. **Vehicle Purchases**

Mr. Thomason reported only 2 vehicles with FY 17, or earlier, funds are yet to be delivered. FY 18 funds have just recently been released, so no purchases haves have been made.

1. **Call-for-Projects**

Mr. Thomason reported he plans a call for projects in November 2018. MoDOT should have new vehicles prices finalized in October.

### VII. other business

Mr. Turner reported CU recently completed a sidewalk down Kansas Expressway to Chesterfield Blvd using 5310 funds. He mentioned some conversations he has had regarding the fence separating Kansas and Park Crest neighborhood. Sara mentioned the neighborhood association opposed any openings in the fence. He also reported they had nine new buses in service.

Mr. Robinson reported the community employment route he operates with CC Links is now 100% individuals with disabilities. He has applied for rural 5310 funds to offset CC Links funding. He hopes to add a second community employment route with 5311 funds and the freed-up CC Links funding. He also reported he likes the new Ford Transit vans but doesn’t like some of the flooring options.

Ms. Starr reported going issues with hiring younger workers. Political changes are impacting sheltered workshops.

### VIII. adjournment

Ms. Starr made a motion to adjourn at 4:23. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed.