



**Meeting Minutes – Transportation Working Group**

Date: November 9, 2016

Time: 7:30-9:00 a.m.

Location: Savage City Hall

**Work Group Members:**

Bob Crawford	X	Beth Mathews	X	Jamie Riddle	
Josh Johnson		Kathi Mocol		Jon Ulrich	X
Jim Becker		Sherry Nielsen		Jane Victorey	X
Melissa Jensen		Mark Pahl		Kyle Sobota	X
Judy Mack	X	Tony Phelps		Robin Selvig	
Jane Wiley	X	Jim Dellwo		Joseph Kelly	

**Staff Members:**

Troy Beam	X	Alan Hermann	X	Brad Larson	X
Lisa Freese		Bonnie Kaye		Angie Stenson	X

**1. Status update from the Housing, Workforce, and Education Workgroups:**

Ulrich provided an update on the Steering Committee’s discussions to date. He noted that Mystic Lake is providing services to connect to the 495 Route. Larson stated that the three other groups are narrowing their problem statements. The Housing group just received a study from the Maxfield Group stating there was a need for additional multi-family homes over the next several years. The Education Group is focusing on improving 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade reading levels, and the Workforce Preparedness group is still refining their target demographic.

**2. Mobility Management Presentation:**

Beam gave a presentation on Scott County’s mobility management program. He provided a brief history of mobility management, including transit, in Scott County. Mobility management is Scott County helps to coordinate resources, aims to increase efficiencies and improve services. Beam reviewed the Needs

Group the County staff stays in contact with and noted that they are a good representation of the different demographics that use transportation services in Scott County.

In his presentation Beam showed how Scott County's Dial-a-Ride program provides almost twice as many rides as the nearest County is the metro area. It also has one of the lowest denial rates. Because of the low density in Scott County the average trip of Dial-a-Ride is also 33% longer than other Metro counties. Beam shared numbers that showed that the Dial-a-Ride program could probably be expanded with additional success.

Short term goals of SmartLink include increasing Dial-a-Ride hours during peak times and evenings; enhancing the volunteer driver Program; transportation development and data collections; and last mile solutions. Long term goals include expanded utilization of Dial-a-Ride; transportation development; and service coordination.

### **December 14 Agenda Planning**

The group consensus was to wait to see what comes from the November 30<sup>th</sup> meeting to plan for the December meeting.

**Adjourn: 8:50 AM**