



Meeting Minutes – Transportation Working Group

Date: April 12, 2017

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

Location: Prior Lake City Hall

Work Group Members:

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

Staff Members:

Troy Beam	x	Alan Hermann	x	Brad Larson	x
Lisa Freese	x	Bonnie Kaye	x	Angie Stenson	x
Kathy Nielsen	X	John Swanson	X		

1. Dial-a-Ride Update

Troy Beam provided an update on Dial-a-Ride services. Per previous discussions, Dial-a-Ride service is not provided during evenings and weekends. Beam showed a chart of times of day for denials, which include higher denials during peak time and mid-day. SmartLink will be using funding from the sales tax to fund additional Dial-a-Ride services on weekends and evenings and during the day at peak times. Beam stated that they will be sending out an RFP for marketing services to assist with Mobility Management marketing efforts. Beam also stated MVTA has committed to trying to fulfill last mile solutions. Other options that remain for consideration include an on-demand type service such as Uber, Lyft, or a new contracted service to fill gaps in service. Beam stated that currently if Dial-a-Ride is not available the dispatchers will look for other services to help find a ride; examples include volunteer drivers, private carriers, or medical services.

Beam reviewed research SmartLink staff compiled regarding various on-demand options. Based on their research the best way to provide an on-demand type service for Dial-a-Ride is to provide a phone app to make reservations and provide service through a contracted provider. At this time the software applications available do not meet the needs to Scott County's Dial-a-Ride service. But, staff will continue to evaluate software options.

Johnson asked if it was possible to use GoTo Cards to help subsidize people instead of the whole service. Beam stated that was an option, however he estimated that 70-80% of the people that use Dial-a-Ride have some other service pay for their rides.

Stenson updated the group on a new inter-city bus service being offered by Land to Air starting on April 17th. The new service will offer twice daily service between Minneapolis and Mankato with stops at Gustavus, St. Peter, LeSueur, Belle Plaine, Jordan, and Shakopee. Fare for the service is between \$5 and \$15, depending on start and end destination.

Adjourn: 8:50 AM