

Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation meeting summary
Washington State Department of Transportation
310 Maple Park
Olympia, Washington 98504
Friday, September 13, 2013
11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Board members present: Brian Lagerberg, Lynn Moody, Jenni Jensen (via phone), Glenn Gorton for Allan Jones, Tom Hingson, Mitch Reister, Marco DiCicco, Colleen Kuhn and Paul Meury for Todd Slettvet

WSDOT staff: Don Chartock, Cathy Silins, Ryan Warner and Jef Lucero

Welcome and introductions

Kelly Scalf recently took a new job outside of the transportation field and stepped down as the president of CTANW.

Approval of June meeting notes

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the June meeting. The motion passed.

Election of new chair

Page was nominated to stay on as ACCT chair. The motion passed unanimously.

Work plan for 2013-2015

Don began by going over the goals for the next biennium:

- Increasing trips, fill empty seats, and reduce vehicle miles traveled.
- Supporting accessible, people-centric, simple, flexible and safe transportation systems.
- Sharing transportation costs among federal, state, and local programs fairly.
- Eliminating redundancies and streamlining processes to improve the efficiency of our transportation systems.

Ryan led the discussion based on questions posed to the council. A number of modifications and additions were made to the list of deliverables associated with each question, which are summarized below and will be distributed to council members for review and comment.

- What issues do you think ACCT should be addressing during the next two years?
- Who should ACCT partner with to address those issues?
- What are the barriers to ACCT succeeding on a particular issue?
- How do we define success when addressing a particular issue?

Action item: All suggestions for modifications to the work plan were noted. Ryan will update the plan and share it with council members.

Human services coordination plan/outreach

Don began by noting that letters have been sent to the RTPOs for the next round of coordinated plans, suggesting that the council get involved in the process. Ryan then gave a quick update on the new coordinated plan template, highlighting the changes between the new and previous versions. Increased outreach and ongoing coordination are some of the features of the new template, which is available on the [ACCT planning webpage](#).

Legislative strategy

Jim Freeburg from the MS Society discussed recent efforts to build a broader coalition of support for a new transportation revenue package—with emphasis on supporting transportation for people with special needs—before the next legislative session. Madelyn Carlson, representing CTA-NW, then spoke about the upcoming listening sessions across the state sponsored by Senate Transportation Committee chairs King and Eide, at which the public will have opportunities to advocate for increased funding for better mobility and access.

Cathy Silins asked about any changes to the amount of the legislative request. Jim replied the intention is to ask for an additional \$20 million—dedicated exclusively to new services—to complement the existing \$25 million apportioned for existing services. Cathy suggested that the coalition formalize its efforts in the run-up to the next session, while Lynn suggested broadening the request beyond transit. Paul suggested that the coalition regularly attend ACCT meetings.

Jim Morris mentioned that the coalition is developing its key legislative messages and intends to roll them out at its next meeting later this month. Don noted that any position the council takes or support it provides will be circulated among the council for review before moving it forward.

On Twitter? Look for hashtag #keepusmoving for other tweets.

Action item: The council will send a letter of support for coordinated transportation, mobility management and cross-jurisdictional travel to the Senate Transportation Committee.

Statewide Public Transportation Plan

Cathy began by outlining the plan and development process for the SPTP, which is required in statute. The plan will describe the current policies that support public transportation, the importance of local services and prioritizing investments, coordination, connectivity and communication. Ultimately, the plan will be submitted by Secretary Peterson to the Legislature and the Governor's office.

The planning committee met to discuss developing policies and strategies and evaluate the most efficient ways to communicate the work of the committee with other stakeholders. There are three teams comprising the committee's membership. The draft of the plan should be available next spring, at which time it will be presented to the council for review and comment. It would be finalized and rolled out later in 2014.

The [SPTP website](#) will be regularly updated- the council is encouraged to check it periodically to see how the plan is progressing.

Member and audience comments

Paul: More and more Medicaid-eligible people are being moved to the Managed Care plan. The Affordable Care Act could add 300-400,000 people to the Medicaid program. He's also working on a report on the effects of NEMT brokerages on transportation coordination for the Transportation Research Board.

Colleen: the Human Services Council office in Vancouver has an AmeriCorps-sponsored assistant (Nick Ford) working on the Accessible Transportation Coalition Initiative and a veterans' transportation research project.

Marco: Please heed school bus stop-paddles when they are activated.