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Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation
Washington State Department of Transportation
Board Room
310 Maple Park
Olympia, WA

Friday June 12, 2009
11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Council Business

In Attendance

Katy Taylor (Chair), Richard DeRock, Karen Parkhurst, Paul Meury, Allan Jones, Rep Mark Miloscia, Vickie Foster, Michael Rogers, Don Chartock, Marilyn Mason-Plunket, Barbara Sainitzer,

Safety Briefing

Katy Taylor conducted the safety briefing

Meeting Notes – Chair

The Council approved the meeting notes from the April 2009 ACCT meeting.

07-09 BUDGET & WORK PLAN UPDATE – Don Chartock

Don discussed the budget. The budget information runs about 2 months behind. No new news.

The Travel Options Project has ended. The Department is looking into using the remaining funding in travel options to help other transportation providers get into Google transit.

WSDOT completed the search engine and gained additional expertise in meeting ADA and section 508 compliance. However, it was determined that a large amount of money was needed to make improvements that would take 'human error' elements out of the process. In the current economic climate, and in consideration of other trip planners in existence, like Google transit, it did not make sense to continue development of the project.

Richard DeRock agreed that the project should be shut down, and probably should have been earlier than this. He commented that we should always consider the cost and difficulty of the project when embarking on it, and not just the fact that it would be a nice to have the finished product.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – Ryan Warner

Ryan announced that there will be a number of vacancies beginning in July.

- Marilyn Mason-Plunkett's and Vickie Foster's positions are up in August. They may reapply for the reappointment and Ryan will work with them to reapply for these positions.
- Due to 2072, we are adding 4 official positions - 1 person each representing RTPO, brokers, Wash Dept of Veterans affairs, and Association of Counties. We will work through the governor's office to apply for these vacancies. The new positions will begin at the August meeting.

IDENTIFY AND ADDRESS BARRIERS

2009-11 ACCT Work Plan – Don Chartock

Don walked the committee through the work plan. . .

HB 2072

The Governor signed HB 2072. She used the line item veto to line up the amount of money with the budget. The budget provided partial funding to the bill and directed the Council to search out additional funding to complete the work of the bill.

- What is left in bill
 1. Expansion of the Council.
 2. Create Federal Opportunities work group. The Council is directed to comprise the workgroup to talk with our Federal counter parts and about the barriers that are stopping us from coordinating. Identify where federal agencies stand on these things and identify the actions we both need to take to move forward (\$80,000 available to hire a consultant).
 3. Local pilot projects. These were designated to occur in Clark and Pierce counties. \$50,000 will go specifically towards Pierce County for the pilot project.

Pierce County LCC

The Council voted to approve the proposed membership for the Pierce County Local Coordinating Coalition and allow the coalition to round out the membership.

Emergency Management Planning

Ryan is the liaison with the Emergency Management Council. He develops recommendations on how special needs transportation plans should be implemented.

- Richard DeRock said that emergency planning is important and so is communication so you know what issues need to be addressed.
- Katy Taylor would like ACCT to assume the responsibility statewide. She would like to have a reach out message that would apply to all transits on when planning is being done (by emergency groups), to ID all transits for resources in emergency situations.

ADA Workshop

There will be an ADA 101 Workshop-Rules of Eligibility on July 20, 2009 from Noon -1:00 pm. It will be held in the Large Commission Boardroom and this workshop is open to the general public.

Facility siting-

This continues to be important. We have had a hard time focusing on the deliverables for this group. This was a focus of the JTC study and follow-up legislative action. It was proposed that we use Thurston County as a case study.

Complaint Process Survey update-Ryan Warner:

- Ryan went over the updates of the Complaint Process Survey Phase I.
- Update of where we are at with Phase 2.
- Thirty-six sent out and 24 surveys have been received to date and they all have a customer complaint process.

WSDOT Grants - Don Chartock

Don gave an overview of the recently awarded WSDOT grants.

- 110 projects covering \$37 million were awarded
- This was a much more competitive process.
- WSDOT was able to sustain well performing existing services, even if at reduced rates.
- Richard DeRock would like there to be better communication about how the system works and would like there to be further consideration of how the process works the next time around.

Veteran's Program – Ryan Warner

Ryan gave an update on the work being done with Veteran's transportation programs.

- There have been a few discussions with transit agencies and veterans programs.
- One of the biggest challenges for the veterans is the lack of understanding of the resources that currently exist. Pierce Transit has committed to helping us develop a message around that.
- Future meetings are being developed.

Adult Day Health -

Concern was raised about the cuts to Adult Day Health, and the potential cost shifting and lack of rides available with the cuts. The Council would like to follow up on this in the future.