

Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation

Meeting Summary

Washington State Department of Transportation
Commission Boardroom
310 Maple Park Ave. S.E.
Olympia, WA 98501

Dec. 14, 2012
11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Board members present: Brian Lagerberg (WSDOT), Page Scott (YVCOG), Allan Jones (OSPI), Lynn Moody (Hopelink), Barbara Sainitzer (GCDE), Todd Slettvet (HCA), Marco DiCicco (Bremerton School District)

WSDOT staff: Don Chartock, Jason Beloso, Cathy Silins, Noel Brady, Patrick Lynch (consultant Transpro)

Approval of August meeting notes

Motion was passed to approve the minutes from the August meeting.

Membership Update

Don Chartock recognized Joelle Brenner with a certificate of appreciation. The council discussed desired representation of future council candidates, including Workforce Council, DSHS and tribes. Don will work with Paula Hammond's office to solicit new council members.

Statewide Human Services Transportation Plan

Patrick Lynch of Transpro updated the council on work to develop a statewide Human Services Transportation Plan. The project team is inviting public comment to gain a better understanding of statewide issues. The plan will be consistent with WSDOT's Moving Washington strategies toward the following strategic objectives:

- Coordination and communications
- System efficiency
- User experience
- System preservation
- Environment
- Integrated planning
- Innovative planning
- Use of technology

A complete draft of the report and recommendations is planned for release in time for the next ACCT meeting in March 2013.

Council discussion:

Page Scott: Will there be any emphasis on school children, other unserved groups?

Marco **DiCicco** (Bremerton Schools): School districts are required by law to ensure students are transported to and from school daily. "It's hard to go outside our requirement. If it's outside of our boundaries it's very difficult."

Allan Jones: Vancouver-area's out-of-district school transport model includes special needs students

Kelly Scalf (**CTANW**): Could state help develop survey data?

Don Chartock: "Yes, we're supportive of continuing to help provide that kind of information."

Veterans Transportation

Jason Beloso, WSDOT's urban special needs planner for Puget Sound region, updated council on effort toward identifying veterans' transportation needs and developing a WSDOT Veterans Transportation folio. The folio includes, consolidated grant awards, including those directed toward Joint Base Lewis-McChord and a state VA map with information about facilities.

There was discussion of a veterans' transportation survey by National Conference of State Legislatures released last spring.

Survey highlights:

- Recommend Including vets, stake holders and task force in coordination.
- 28 state coordinate vets transportation
- 3 states, including ODOT, have task forces on veterans transportation
- Outreach – reach vets using their language; identify vets when collecting ridership data; involve individuals at grassroots, face to face.

Legislation Tracking

There are lots of musical chairs in the Legislature, joint transportation committee, governor's office. It is still unclear who will land in which seat.

State budget package includes new public transportation funding.

Some transit agencies have exhausted local options, facing up to 17 percent cuts.

Pierce Transit is looking for support for the cost of special needs transportation.

Member and Audience Comments

Allan Jones: The Legislature will increase student transportation funding next biennium. Some believe lawmakers might consider moving student transportation into transportation budget.

Todd Slettvet (HCA) is preparing for federal audits of Medicaid providers. Optional programs at risk. Legislators are looking for more creative strategies to increase funding to schools.

Next Meeting March 8, 2013

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