

Meeting Notes
Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation
Washington State Department of Transportation
Friday April 9, 2010
11:30am- 2:30pm
Olympia, WA

In Attendance

Katy Taylor, Madelyn Carlson, Don Chartock, Tim Renfro, Barbara Sainitzer, Michele Drorbaugh, Doug Porter, Michael Howell, Lynn Moody, Allan Jones, Robin Rettew, Page Scott

Council Business

Welcome and Introductions

Katy Taylor, Chair

Katy called the meeting to order and provided a safety briefing. She welcomed everyone and led introductions.

Approve October Meeting Notes

Katy Taylor, Chair

Katy asked for comments and approval of the February ACCT meeting notes. The notes were approved by the council.

Budget and Work plan

Don Chartock

Billings will be coming in soon on the Federal Opportunities Workgroup, the Local Coordinating Coalitions, and Human Services Transportation Plans.

Membership Update

Ryan Warner

Robin Rettew will be replacing Clint McCarthy as the Representative from the Office of the Governor. Rashi Gupta has been appointed to represent the Washington State Association of Counties and will be joining us at the next meeting.

Work Plan Elements

SB 5902

Toby Olson

Toby Olson, Executive Secretary of the Governor's Committee on Disability and Employment (GCDE) reported on a bill that they worked on during the recent legislative session. This bill will increase parking fines for misuse of a parking placard from \$250-\$450. The original intent of the bill was to allocate \$200 to fund accessibility advisory committees but a last minute amendment changed the allocation to \$100 for the accessibility advisory committee account and \$100 to the

multimodal account. The GCDE will oversee grant funding proposals from accessibility advisory committees and work with Public Transportation ensure that multi-modal funded

Legislative Review

Madelyn Carlson- CTA-NW

One of the main areas that CTA-NW focused on during this session was the affects that budget reductions would have on community transportation programs. CTA-NW was tracking funding reductions in Win211, Volunteer Chore, Senior Citizens Services Act, Division of Developmental Disabilities-Family Services and Optional Medicaid. Optimistic that the Senior Citizens Services Act has mainly been restored. Win 211 will have a 50% reduction, and many of the WSDOT grantees use that money as match. Language Interpreter Services will be restored which help the brokerage system. More information will come out next week.

Cathy Silins- WSTA

Geri Beardsley from WSTA was unable to present at today's meeting so Cathy Silins stepped in to offer the perspective of the Washington State Transit Association. Funding for public transportation is a challenge at the national, state, and local level. WSTA's focus was on educating legislators on the benefits of transit and advocating and supporting legislation that improves transit options. WSTA tracked a number of bills throughout the session and advocated for a strong and vibrant transportation budget. There are still a number of questions that need to be addressed in the transportation budget during this special session. A copy of the PowerPoint is on the ACCT website at www.wsdot.wa.gov/acct.

Other legislative updates:

Todd Slevett of HRSA addressed a number of changes at DSHS including Doug Porter being appointed the head of the healthcare authority. Many more changes are happening with HRSA.

Alan Jones of OSPI shared that the student transportation funding structure has been improved with the passage of SHB 2776. This will impact transportation by providing appropriate funding levels for student transportation across the state.

Human Services Transportation Plans

Ryan Warner

RTPO's and MPO's are in the process of completing the 2011 Human Services Transportation Plan. Of the different RTPO/MPO's in Washington State each is at a different place in their process. Each RTPO has been granted 1000 per county (excluding urban areas) to develop their plan. Project Managers will be working with RTPO's to develop their plans.

Federal Opportunities Workgroup

Don Chartock

FLT Consulting Services and Nelson/Nygaard has been hired as the consultant on the Federal Opportunities Workgroup. The Federal Opportunities Workgroup is task to evaluate what some of the real and perceived barriers are between state and federal coordination efforts. There is some specific direction to work with our federal counterparts and legislators on this issue. The

next steps will be to sit down with the consultant and convene our workgroup. At a past ACCT meeting we populated the committee with the representatives as required in HB2072.

Local Coordinating Committees

Marge Tully

The LCC was directed to create a pilot project. The purpose of the pilot project was to demonstrate cost sharing and cost saving opportunities. The LCC will be developing an Adult Day Health Express Project in Pierce County as well as a rural project focused on transportation on the Key Peninsula. The Adult Day Health project as started on February 1st and now there is one provider providing all the rides to the Adult Day Health Center. The project is meeting the goal of cost sharing and savings. Funds are coming from multiple sources including Pierce Transit, Pierce County, Federal and State Funds through DOT, Sound Transit, and Medicaid funds through the ADH provider. The project is to run 6 months and in July we will be doing an evaluation of the project. We will want to evaluate number of trips, rides, hours, and vehicle miles.

We are also working on a rural transportation program, in which we are partnering with the Mustard Seed Project to assist seniors who are aging in place on the Key Peninsula. The Mustard Seed has a group of volunteer drivers and are purchasing a van for greater transportation options. The group is also meeting to discuss the potential of partnering with schools to use schools buses as another transportation option.

We would like to thank the partners of this project. I would like to thank the legislature and the leadership for HB 2072, to Doug Porter for his support, Katy Taylor, and Lynn Griffith for taking a chance on this project.

Council and Public Comment

Paige – JTC study will look at the state of public transit and develop a blue print. There are 2 designees (one eastern and one western) for RTPO spots. USDOT has done a series of case studies called Transit at the Table. They have focused on Large MPO, Small Urban, and Rural Transportation planning. I have brought forth the work we do in Washington State as a model.

Madelyn – CTA-NW is looking forward to the WSDOT conference in Sept. Surveying members about what kind of training and workshops they want. CTA-NW is also asking to have a rep from non- traditional members on the JTC study.

Allan – Acronyms are difficult to understand and we use a lot of them.

Michael- Very interested in Human Services Transportation Planning. Ryan and Madelyn will follow-up to make sure Michael gets information about SRTC and NEW processes.

Don – We have established a Grant Program Advisory Committee (GPAC) to review the grant program for 2011-2013. We will be looking at the call for projects, reviewing policies and

procedures, reviewing the application process, what we allow for match, and other grant topics. Meetings have started and are topic specific.

Tim – Pierce 3\10 seek initiative a lot of comm. Outreach last few months, educate, 30 years pierce transit, working with public, values, what services should be providing,

Todd – New billing system going live on May 9th.It will be an interesting month for Brokers and Medicaid providers.

Park Woodworth discussed the new Ride Share On-Line tool which allows potential carpoolers to find a match with potential drivers. This has been a joint project between the State of Washington and King County Metro.