

Meeting Notes
Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation
Washington State Department of Transportation
Friday April 10th, 2009
11:30 AM – 2:00 PM
Olympia, WA

Council Business

In Attendance

Cathy Silins (Chair), Doug Porter, Allan Jones, Marilyn Mason-Plunkett, Richard De Rock, Vickie Foster, Michael Rogers, Page Scott,

Safety Briefing

Cathy Silins conducted the safety briefing.

Meeting Notes – Chair

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

Budget – Don Chartock

Don reviewed the ACCT budget and reported that the budget is on track for the year.

Identify and Address Barriers

Legislative Review

Don gave an outline of the various proposed budgets

- The Senate Transportation Budget had more money for Regional Mobility Grants than the House version.
 - The Senate did not include ACCT but Sen. Haugen said that they would be updating the budget to account for the bill when they passed it out of committee.
- The House Transportation Budget provided more money for CTR, Special Needs and Rural transportation and adds \$80,000 to ACCT budget for the implementation of section 1
- The General Fund budgets have potential impacts on transportation
 - The Senate General Fund Budget keeps Adult Day Health but eliminates transportation for the program.
 - The House General Fund Budget eliminates the entire program.

Focus on Results

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ACCT 2009-2011 Work plan

Manage Human Services Transportation Planning Requirements

We are required to complete a revision of these plans in the upcoming biennium.

CTAA Technical Assistance Grants

Over the past couple of years, ACCT has collaborated with CTAA to technical assistance grants that ACCT facilitated. The Council recommended that ACCT collaborate on a mobility management best practices grant again with CTAA.

ACCT Report

Due to budget cuts and the ACCT report will be dramatically scaled back to meeting RCW requirements this year. It will contain just the necessary narrative detail about ACCT and the base statistical information.

ACCT workgroup on Elimination of Federal Barriers

ACCT will populate a workgroup as described in 2072 section 1. Formation of this workgroup will be addressed at June ACCT meeting. ACCT will also update the information regarding the federal and state programs that support public transportation.

Emergency Planning

ACCT staff will continue to liaison with the emergency management council

Manage and Measure Complaint Process

ACCT staff will require complaint process documentation for all Paratransit Special Needs Grantees and Measure against benchmarks.

ADA Standards

ACCT will host an eligibility 101 workshop together with Easter Seals Project Action. ACCT will also collect information and develop a possible framework for cross jurisdictional ADA trips. We will also follow APTA's work on the issue.

Facility Siting

ACCT will coordinate with others on the issue and collect examples of how it might be done.

Local Coordinated Coalition Pilot Projects

Dependent upon passage of ACCT bill and funding in the budget.

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Other Legislation

Cathy Silins reported that 20 ARRA projects have been forwarded onto the Governor. The kinds of projects include the purchase of vehicles, Construction of Park and Ride lots, construction of facilities. There will be a lot of mandatory reporting and an intense amount of oversight.

SB 5894 (removes UTC rate and schedule regulation of WSDOT contracted services) passed both houses of the legislature.

Council and Audience Comments

Don invited comments on the next update to the required Human Service Transportation Plans.

- Richard DeRock commented that he wasn't sure rural public transportation (5311) should be included in the plans, but if it is, it should be adequately communicated so that people were aware.

Richard DeRock asked the Council to support waivers to FTA's Buy America Requirement. There is a possibility there will be a shortage of Vans that meet the requirements.