



LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR TRANSIT MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 30, 2014
Time: 1:30 p.m.
2909 North Martin Avenue
Springfield, MO 65803

ATTENDEES

Howard Fisk, Fisk Limousines	Jeff Robinson, OATS, Inc
Diane Gallion, CU Transit	Trent Sims, Community Partnership
June Huff, Southwest Missouri Office of Aging	Linda Starr, SWI Industrial Solutions
Bill Robinett, MoDOT	Cari Wright, SW Center for Independent Living

STAFF PRESENT

Curtis Owens Sara Fields

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made of everyone in attendance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Bill Robinett made a motion to approve the May 30, 2014 agenda. Diane Gallion seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MARCH 27, 2014 MINUTES

CariAnn Wright made a motion to approve the March 27, 2014 minutes. Bill Robinett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. **5310 Program**

Curtis Owens informed the LCBT that no further guidance has been given for the 5310 program. OTO staff has continued to stay in front of this program by monitoring the approval of the draft guidance. Curtis has developed and has include a draft Program Management Plan that is required by draft FTA Circular C9070.1G. Section VII. Curtis also explained the draft 5310 flow chart now included the Program Management Plan under the Circular and Plan Process.

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b. Transit Coordination Plan –Five Year Implementation Plan with Timeline

Curtis Owens explained the reason for the five year implementation plan is to meet FTA requirements. This plan was developed from the Transit Coordination Plan strategies and actions identified in the plan.

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6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Program Management Plan

Curtis Owens explained that the Program Management Plan is a requirement of FTA Draft Curricular 9070.1G Section VII. This plan provides guidance for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (5310) program. This plan explains how the program is managed starting with the application process through the distribution of funds. It is used for FTA monitoring and applicant guidance. Curtis explained that the plan would ultimately be adopted by the OTO Board of Directors.

CariAnn Wright made a motion to recommend approval of the Program Management Plan, with any discretionary changes recommended by the Technical Planning Committee. Diane Gallion Seconded the Motion. Motion passed 100 percent.

Approval required

b. Grow America Act

Curtis Owens described the President's Transportation plan "The Grow America Act". Curtis explained this transportation proposal is not much different than the MAP-21 programs other than two new programs Rapid Growth Area Transit Program and Fixing and Accelerating Surface Transportation (FAST) programs and some increased funding. According to the FTA webinar the Bus and Bus facility programs would see a 354 percent increase in funding. The Grow America Act also considers Workforce Development, Buy America provision and some safety actions with an opt-out provision that would apply to states with fixed guideway public transportation systems in operation, under construction, or in design.

The two new programs include Rapid Growth Area Transit Program and Fixing and Accelerating Surface Transportation (FAST) programs. Rapid Growth Area Transit Program. This new program will provide capital funds on a competitive basis to help fast-growing communities introduce new bus rapid transit (BRT) systems as part of their transportation mix. The Fixing and Accelerating Surface Transportation (FAST) is a jointly administered Federal Transit Administration and Federal Highway Administration program that encourages the adoption of innovative strategies and best practices in transportation. This program would have discretionary funds set aside specifically for high-performing Metropolitan Planning Organizations. With efforts to effectively coordinate planning and invest in regional surface transportation priorities and projects by bringing federal and state planning organizations, tribes and decision makers together. High performing MPO could receive double the funding if they can meet the requirements. This proposal would elevate the total nationwide funding to \$1.9 billion.

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c. ¾ Statewide Transportation Sales Tax Update

Sara Fields informed the LCBT about the progress of the statewide ¾ cent transportation project list. The original 1 cent was changed to ¾ cent by the legislators. OTO campaigned for public input through website, signs, texting and public meetings. OTO developed a subcommittee that worked toward developing an OTO project list to be submitted to MoDOT. This project list includes roads and public transportation options. The multimodal projects total about 16 percent of the total proposed funding. OATS project should receive about \$2.5 million over ten year period to provide additional service in Christian County and Greene County for the elderly and disabled. City Utilities Transit should receive about \$8.5 million for several project such as 2 new buses, 4 replacement and increased bus service. OTO is looking at a possible study for passenger rail from Springfield to St Louis, \$3.5 million for the Springfield/Branson airport for safety, rail crossing at Hwy MM, route 66 trail in Strafford, Wilsons Creek Battlefield trail, and downtown Springfield at the new transfer facility. The combined cost is about \$35 million. This initiative will be placed on the August ballot as a statewide issue.

Sara shared information about the project list that will be sent to MoDOT. The list includes roadway project such as James River Freeway six-laning from US 65 to Kansas Expressway, US 65 six-laning to route CC, Route 14 in Nixa and Ozark, \$24 million would be set aside for future matching for future projects, State Hwy 13 extension, Route 65 five-laning, MM in Republic upgrades, Route 14 west of Nixa outside lane upgrades, I-44 ramp upgrades, interstate 244 loop signage. The complete project list is about \$244 million.

Bill Robinett asked how the local communities would handle their funding. Sara responded that OTO did not ask for local community projects.

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d. LCBT Members update

Curtis Owens reviewed the LCBT updates with the group. Burrell has appointed Renita Funk, Southwest Missouri Office of aging has appointed June Huff, Mark Bechtel has move into the Team Lead position leaving his position open. The terms will all expire December of this year and will be reappointed for a two year term starting January of 2015.

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8. OTHER BUSINESS

Bill Robinett updated the LCBT about MoDOTs open staff position for the 5310 program. The decision was made to hire two staff members. One staff will manage the METAP and one staff will manage the 5310 programs.

Sara asked for an update of where MoDOT is as far as purchasing 5310 vehicles. Bill replied that MoDOT just ordered the 2011 vehicles.

June Huff with the Southwest Missouri Office of Aging agreed to host the next meeting at her office. The next meeting will be held at 1735 South Fort Ave. 1:30 pm on July 24th.

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9. ADJOURNMENT

Howard Fisk adjourned the meeting to the OATS presentation and tour by Jeff Robinson.