

## ROCK COUNTY COORDINATING TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2021

**Call to order:** A meeting of the Rock County Coordinating Transportation Committee was called to order by Chairperson Hansberry on September 24, 2021 at 9:03 a.m. via ZOOM

### **Roll Call:**

**Present:** Chair Patty Hansberry, Joe Scharenbroch, Supervisor Ron Bomkamp, Dave Lowe, TJ Nee, Dawn Hudson, James Thompson, Alexander Brown, Dave Hyde and Roseann Tremain

**Excused:** Ryan Schomber, Paula Schutt, Jennifer McIlhone, Kersten Hughes and Michael Bachmeyer

**Unexcused:** None

**Alternates:** Sara Garbe and Pam Carper

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion to approve agenda was made by Dave Hyde, seconded by Dave Lowe. Motion carried.

**Introduction of Members:** No introduction done.

**Introduction of Visitors:** No visitors.

**Citizen Participation, Communications & Announcements:** None

**Approval of 7/23/2021 TCC minutes:** Motion was made by Supervisor Bomkamp, seconded by Joe Scharenbroch. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

There are no updates to the 2019-2023 Rock County TCC Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP)

**Medical Transportation Survey Update/Discussion** – Per Patty Hansberry, survey group has not been together since DOT grant was approved and there is no additional information at this time.

**TCC member update** – We are still looking for a community member.

**Meeting in person versus zoom** – There was a discussion regarding whether it was time to go back to in person meetings or to continue with Zoom. There were ongoing concerns with COVID being still very active in the area. Dave Lowe made motion to keep meetings via Zoom and revisit after beginning of 2022. TJ Nee seconded motion. Motion carried.

### **New Business:**

Patty requested approval for RSVP 5310 grant from TCC committee as it is the role of the TCC committee to ensure no duplication of services. Joe Scharenbroch made motion and Supervisor Bomkamp seconded. Motion carried.

TCC Chair P. Hansberry term ends in November and new Chair needs to be elected. R. Tremain wants to continue as Vice Chair. TJ Nee indicated that member Joe Scharenbroch would make a good chair for committee as he has been on committee a long time. Joe agreed to be new committee Chair.

**Member Reports:**

**Bomkamp** – No report

**Brown** – No report

**Carper** – Pam mentioned the Foster grandparent program again that matches seniors with youth. It helps the students progress academically. Pam mentioned that they need senior volunteers and that they work with elementary age children through high school.

**Garbe** – Community Action has seen influx of individuals with homelessness and limited help with transportation.

**Hansberry** – Regular program going a strong as before. They are looking for new drivers. RSVP starting a program for veterans 55+ older when there are no other options to get to the doctor. They receive a lot of calls from Madison and sometimes Rockford. The idea is to have a veteran transport the veteran to encourage camaraderie. There is a grant that has been applied for (not approved yet) but RSVP starting the service immediately. There is a need to find veteran drivers.

**Hudson** – No report.

**Hyde** – Reiterated concern that there is no solution for individuals who don't drive to access COVID testing. Public transportation not an option. RSVP can't assist. Home testing is too expensive.

**Lowe** – No report

**Nee** – Working on Long Range Transportation Plan update for the SLATS MPO which includes the Beloit area and extends into northern Illinois. About one more month before it goes out for public review. He will notify the transportation committee when it does if anyone would like to provide feedback. The SLATS LRTP is scheduled for adoption October 4. To view the plan visit [SLATS2045LRTP.com](http://SLATS2045LRTP.com).

**Scharenbroch** – No report.

**Thompson** – There has been some modifications to Beloit bus routes because of issues with routes with long ride times. With the route modifications, Beloit Transit is required to give the public 30 days to provide input or make comments on the modifications. They are also required to hold meetings that the public are invited to attend and provide input/comments, this is an FTA requirement. That input or those comments could have impact on the route modifications. After the meetings and the 30 day public input period is over the final route proposal is sent to City Council for approval. Once City Council approves it, it can implemented. The meetings are scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup> (Beloit Library from 10 – 12 pm) and October 14 (Beloit Transportation from 3 – 5 pm).

**Tremain** – Moved to new building (Daniel Hale Williams Resource Center).

**Items for Future Agendas:** Ongoing discussion about open seat for community member. Ongoing discussion after the beginning of 2022 when TCC meetings will return to in person format. MTM leaving as MA transportation provider and Veyo starting.

**Future Meeting Dates:** November 19. Start time 9 a.m. (via Zoom)

**Adjournment:** Motion by Bomkamp, Second by Lowe. Meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

**Minutes not official until approved by the Rock County Transportation Coordinating Committee**