



OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR TRANSIT MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2020

3:00 p.m.

This meeting took place via electronic means.

ATTENDEES

Bill Achor Leslie McCafferty
Leah Shelton Brandie Fisher
Rene Frazer Danielle Wise
Eva Steinman

STAFF PRESENT

Andy Thomason Sara Fields

A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Thomason brought the meeting to order at 3:04pm. Introductions were made.

B. APPROVAL OF 5-14-2020 MINUTES

Ms. Fisher made a motion, seconded by Mr. Achor, to approve the minutes from 8-13-2020. The motion passed.

C. VEHICLE STATUS UPDATE

Mr. Thomason reported MoDOT was currently soliciting bids for vehicles using FY 2020 funds. As a result of the COVID-19 delays, delivery of the vehicles awarded by the LCBT using FY 2020 funds is still several months out. He also relayed some information from Mr. Robinson concerning other funding and vehicle delays from MoDOT. Mr. Thomason also asked Ms. Wise about the status of Arc's vehicles. She reported they are still waiting on several vehicles, including with OTO and rural statewide grants. Mr. Thomason said he would see if he would reach out to MoDOT.

Mr. Thomason also reported the recently passed one-year extension of the FAST Act included funds for FTA grants. He said FHWA had released apportionment information for FY 2021, but FTA had not. He said the LCBT would have an opportunity to do another call-for-projects once these funds were released, but he also said he wanted to get most previously awarded vehicles purchased before new vehicles were awarded.

D. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

The roundtable discussion began with reports from the committee's transportation providers. Service provision was still very limited at the Ozark Senior Center while CU Transit's trips were approximately

70% of normal. All providers expressed continuing efforts to regularly clean vehicles. OATS also reported intermittent issues finding PPE and certain disinfectants.

Service providers also gave updates. COVID-19 was still having serious impacts on service provision. Ozark Senior Center and Empower: Abilities reported no in person activities. Burrell reported some clients were still coming in for in-person visits. Arc of the Ozarks and Burrell also reported not doing any recreational trips/activities outside of their facilities. Arc of the Ozarks is also dealing with COVID-19 cases across their statewide network. Pick-up meals and crafts activities are being provided by some agencies.

Mr. Achor posed a question to the group concerning the resumption of in person activities. He emphasized the mental benefits of personal interaction and his desire to protect his clients. Ms. Frazer mentioned some senior centers in extreme southwest Missouri had reopened. She did not know how things were working out at those centers. Ms. Shelton supported Mr. Achor's desire to reopen and to protect. She reported they were just closing watching case numbers, and case numbers were currently moving in the wrong direction to really facilitate reopening.

Ms. Fisher raised a question concerning the usage and distribution of Section 5310 funds. She stated CU was interested in using a couple years' worth of funding to purchase paratransit buses. She said CU was not completely moving away from building sidewalks and bus pads, but rising costs associated with their main transit buses has caused them to reevaluate some of their spending. Mr. Thomason briefly explained how the 5310 program worked at the OTO and described some the changes that might have to take place for CU to make these purchases. Committee members expressed no significant objections with this request. Mr. Thomason reported the much of February's meeting agenda would be related to exploring this issue in more detail. No decisions were made during this discussion.

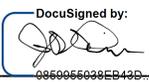
F. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Thomason reported an important guiding document for the OTO's 5310 program must be updated by early 2022. The LCBT would start the review and update process in early 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50pm.

Approved on 2/11/2021.

Attested By: _____


9860956038EB43D...
Jeff Robinson, LCBT Chair