

Transportation Minutes

August 25th, 2022

- In Attendance: Chris Miller, Ashley Vandebusch, Misty Shulters, Madeline DeMarco, Angie Shepherd, Misty Pope, Kate Daisher, Gay Jones, Audrey Smith, Alissa Harris, Matthew Radd, Clint Brugger
- Minutes from 07/28/2022 were reviewed. With the amendment to change “Lenawee Transportation” to Lenawee County Transportation Authority, Kate motioned to approve minutes & Madeline supported. Motion carried.
- Agenda- Angie motioned to adopt, Gay Jones supported. Motion carried (With the expectation that if Certain individuals were not in attendance, the discussion around what to do with this workgroup will be held off until next month.)
- Madeline suggested that when we send out next months invitation for this meeting, that we are explicit in what we will be talking about and who needs to make the meeting a priority.
- Misty Pope- Wrapping things up, NO changes. Meridian is still not providing rides to County. Dialysis patients who are displaced for rides after 10/01 is still an issue. (New freedom funding needs a partner to fund 50% of the rides Starting 10/01- if there is no match available at this time, then We cannot utilize New Freedom funding)
- Alissa Harris- Community engagement and partnership coordinate- Ann Arbor VA. She develops community coalitions around needs for the community. She works with Hillsdale and Jackson Counties, and Matt Radd works with Lenawee. Has a college that is hooked up with Phoenix mobility- comes into area and develops transportation Hubs- This is exploratory. Wanted to know if there was interest in developing a Jackson, Hillsdale Lenawee transportation hub. Introducing idea. Is there interest in learning more? All public transit would have to buy in. Discussion followed.
- Kate- In process of forming authority- Likely October 1st official start. She is in process of moving her office from City hall to Transportation garage. Everything will be done at transportation garage.
- If you have tokens or tickets for Lenawee Transportation or Dial-a-Ride (former names) they will still be valid. Fare went up on “Dial-a-ride” to \$1.50 for senior and disabled, & \$3.00 for everyone else. That is the same price as “Lenawee Transportation”. Riders will be required to provide the additional charge if they have a ticket worth less. With the new Authority, all buses can do anywhere within the county.
- Next months meeting will be discussion future of this taskforce.
- Misty Adjourned the meeting at 10:39am