

**Transportation Task Force
Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2020**

Present: Nancy Bishop, Marcia Bohannon, Jackie Bradley, Clint Brugger, Kim Dusseau, John Haught, Dave Maxwell, Chris Miller, Tracy Oberleiter, Misty Shulters, Don Taylor, Amy Young

Meeting called to order at 10:00am.

Motion to approve 2/26/2020 Meeting minutes was given by Chis Miller, Clint Brugger second and approved by all.

Motion to approve 5/27/2020 Meeting agenda was given by Nancy Bishop, Amy Young second and approved by all.

Navigator update was not available

- Nancy shared that not much has happened as covid-19 has consumed everyone's time. As a result, we may be able to extend the length of time we have Janelle, if she is willing, as there have been no hours billed to the funds set aside for her contract.

Grants/Opportunities

- 5310 Freedom Fund grant update: MDOT has communicated to CAA (grant fiduciary) that they have received and reviewed our grant, recommendation for funding – no official word that we have or will receive the funds. It was recommended that the Task Force use the June meeting to discuss next steps and to design a plan for the mobility manager as funding comes October 1st.
- Rising Tide update: firm from CA, known for being a leader in AI vehicle software has shown interest in working with the Task Force due to the regional efforts we have. Chris Miller shared that the company has been connected with First Student's parent company, First Transit. The firm likes working with smaller markets and Adrian is atop their list. Actively looking for partners and grants to fund pilot.
- Connecting Lenawee Plan (non-motorized): Working with One Lenawee on the goals, Lenawee Network Coordination of Projects helps with funding opportunities, looking to increase connecting/return points, currently reviewing compliance plans - Lenawee has a total of 13.

Covid-19 Impact and Transportation:

- Medical requests for rides are up – volunteers are down...most volunteers are high-risk themselves and have reduced or eliminated their availability. Volunteers have to be vetted through the state.
- Dept on Aging shared that they have lost half of their volunteer drivers as a result of covid-19, too. Several protocols are in place for drivers and riders. PPE is a must.
- Dial-a-ride: down 20-25% of their regular ridership – still transporting for essential services (food, bank, medical, etc). Lenawee Transportation – 10% of normal riders lost. Both bus options are requiring masks for riders and are practicing several cleaning protocols. They are also discussing marketing ideas to show public that it is safe to ride with them.
- CAA has CSBG funds for many needs – refer to CAA office line for assistance. These funds may also help youth who are struggling to pay for road test costs.

Other updates/needs:

- Adrian Dial-a-ride application for funding was approved. Lenawee Transportation's to come.
- Kellogg Corp has extra product (food) to donate, but need a semi-truck to haul. Dave Maxwell mentioned checking with Blissfield Village office to see if they could connect us with a business there that may help
- Pantries need meats
- Transportation Summit event postponed for now due to covid-19 and many companies facing higher priorities. Will revisit at a later time.

Next meeting will be on June 24th and will be virtual. Misty to send details closer to the meeting time.

Meeting concluded at 11:04am.