

**Transportation Task Force
Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2021**

Present: Christal Albig, Clint Brugger, Madeline DeMarco, John Haught, Paula Holtz, Terrina Liogghio, Dave Maxwell, Chris Miller, Frank Nagle, Ben Newsome, Misty Pope, Chris Rising, Jessica Sattler, Misty Shulters, Ashley Vandenbusche, Randy Yagiela, Amy Young

Meeting called to order at 10:00am.

Motion to approve 2/24/2021 meeting agenda was given and supported, approved by all.

No meeting notes from 1/27/2021 meeting to review or approve. Madeline DeMarco has notes that she will send to Misty Shulters to keep on file from the meeting.

Mobility Manager Update:

Misty Pope shared that she has been able to submit the 2nd year grant application for the 5310 freedom funds.

She has been working with Marcia Bohannon to review grants and potential funding. Marcia introduced her to the dispatcher for the county.

Misty wants to stay on top of the milestones that were outlined in the grant award. She has been digging into current service options and plans to reach out to local churches to begin developing those relationships for additional transportation options.

Misty Pope contact information: mpope@caajlh.org or (517) 257-9845

Misty Pope will work on the press release announcement regarding the mobility manager position and introducing her to the community. Clint will assist.

Sub-committee Report

PlanetM – some elements of the shuttle service, such as autonomous vehicles, may be part of the possible pilot grant. Paula shared that parameters for the pilot grant are still unknown and that she hopes by next meeting to have some additional information around what will work, amount, etc.

Ben mentioned starting with an electric vehicle. Misty Pope shared that MDOT has some things around electric vehicles. A demo course of the possible route between Adrian and Tecumseh was shared. Parallel tracks between PlanetM & Retail needs. For clarification, retail rides would be for events, retail locations and restaurants.

Initial thoughts is to kick this off in the summer with rides being offered late afternoons/evenings Wednesday-Sunday.

A motion to approve the two strategies that the sub-committee is working on with regards to the shuttle service route and PlanetM was made by Chris Miller and supported by Amy Young with all attendees approving.

Transportation Summit

The group discussed holding either a virtual event or holding off to conduct an in person event. Consensus was that a face-to-face event is preferred and that Lenawee Now representatives would take the lead, planning for Fall 2021.

Other Transportation Update

Amy Young shared that Department on Aging recently posted for part-time drivers to help fill their needs. Asked to share within your networks to help increase applicants.

Misty Shulters shared information about Commute with Enterprise, which is the program that is running the states MichiVan service. Misty will check with Enterprise representative to see if they are available to present to the group in March or April. This is an opportunity for community members struggling with transportation to/from employment.

Next meeting will be a virtual meeting on March 24th at 10am. Misty Shulters to send details closer to the meeting time.

Meeting concluded at 10:55am.