

**Transportation Task Force
Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2021**

Present: Terrina Liogghio, Chris Miller, Misty Shulters, Don Taylor, Angie Shepherd, Laura Hardo, Ben Newsome, John Haught, Dave Maxwell, Madeline DeMarco, Misty Pope, Nancy Bishop, Amy Young, Frank Nagle, Marcia Bohanon, Clint Brugger

Meeting called to order at 10:03 am.

The meeting began with introductions of attendees.

Laura Hardow representing Enterprise Holdings presented on their Van Pooling program.

Van Pooling: How does it work?

- It can connect 4-15 co-workers that live close to one another.
- The group can choose the vehicle used.
- The group decides on meeting place and rules for participating.
- The group drives to work and splits the cost of travel.
- Month to month convenience for membership.
- Includes insurance and full maintenance of the vehicle.
- Emergency rides home available when needed up to 6 times per year.

Benefits to businesses

- Reduced parking spaces
- Congestion mitigation
- Employee savings
- Corporate citizenship
- Improved carbon footprint
- Recruitment and retention of talent

Commute "Complete Clean" starter kit

- Vehicles have a standard of cleanliness
- Limits the exposure to people

What does the investment look like?

- Billed monthly
- Transit Agency subsidy through MDOT/Ann Arbor that typically covers 50% of the cost.
- Employers can opt in to contribute to an Employer Subsidy. The contribution is decided by the employer.
- The remainder of the cost after subsidies is split between the riders.
- Pricing is determined by the number of riders in the Van Pool, the type of Van (size of vehicle) and mileage.
- The typical cost is between \$500 to \$800 per month not including fuel.

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Approval of Agenda/Minutes

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Chris Miller and supported by Nancy Bishop. The agenda was approved as presented.

A motion to approve the March 2021 Minutes was made by Marcia Bohanon and supported by Chris Miller. The Minutes were approved as presented.

Mobility Manager Update

Misty Pope, Mobility Manager, has been attending MPTA trainings. She also reported that she has been working on resources for needs identified in community.

There was a discussion about the need to form a Subcommittee that will be responsible for guiding the Mobility Managers work. Freedom funds pay for the Mobility Manager and are directed at improving mobility for seniors, folks with disabilities and low-income residents. **If you are interested in joining the subcommittee please reach out to Misty Shulters at mshulters@mwse.org.**

Task Force Subcommittee Report

The group met on April 5, 2021. Joe Williams from the Lenawee Community Foundation indicated at their meeting that he and the Foundation will take responsibility for raising funds for a shuttle service from Adrian to Tecumseh. The pilot project is slated to begin on July 1, 2021 and operate through September. The shuttle will run Thursday thru Saturday in the evenings from 5 - 10 pm. The shuttle will begin in Tecumseh and make a stop at the ProMedica Charles and Virginia Hickman Hospital campus. It will then go to two stops in Adrian. One on the West End and another on the South End. First Student will be the transit agency providing the service. They have acquired a 2018 Starcraft Allstar 25 passenger bus. Marketing and fund raising have been discussed as well. The subcommittee has also started conversations with the Chamber of Commerce in both Tecumseh and Adrian.

Revision of Bylaws

There was a discussion about the need to revise the bylaws of the Task Force so that they include a Vice-Chair and Secretary. Also, to address other concerns such as MOU's and voting rights of Task Force members. **If you are interested in joining the subcommittee please reach out to Misty Shulters at mshulters@mwse.org.**

211 Report

Terrina Liogghio shared the following data related to transportation from 211 for January to March 2021.

- 4 non-emergency medical calls
- 1 call for car insurance
- 1 call for fuel/gas card.

Agency updates related to transportation

Marcia Bohanon reported that ridership is up for Adrian Dial-a-Ride and Lenawee Transportation.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Clint Brugger