

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY  
SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL MEETING**

**Minutes**

**DATE:** Tuesday, November 10, 2015

**TIME:** 1:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC)

**PRESENT:**

Nickolas Musson, ECWRPC; Holly Keenan, Lutheran Social Services; Dave Vickman, Go Transit; Mark Ziemer, Oshkosh Senior Services; Glen Davies, Oshkosh City Cab & Cabulance; Mike Norton, County Board Supervisor; Marleah Keuler, Park View Health Center; Brittani Feuerhelm, Cerebral Palsy of Mideast WI; Mark Weisensel and Dorothy De Grace, Winnebago County Department of Human Services

**1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:**

Nickolas Musson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 11, 2015 MEETING:**

Mike Norton moved for approval of the minutes of the August 11, 2015 meeting; seconded by Mark Weisensel and carried.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE STATE ELDERLY & DISABLED TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR 2016:**

Mark Weisensel explained that Winnebago County Human Services Department will be submitting an application to the Department of Transportation for specialized transportation assistance for the year 2016 in the amount of \$375,514 under Section 85.21, Wis. Stats. The local share of \$75,103 has already been approved by the County Board. The funding will be allocated to the following programs for the provision of rides to the elderly and/or disabled citizens of Winnebago County: 1) ADA and para-transit service provided by Go Transit and 2) ADA and para-transit service provided by Valley Transit. Discussion followed regarding rural non-ambulatory para-transit rides provided by Oshkosh Cabulance. Mark Weisensel closed the public hearing at 2:00 p.m.

**5. BUS STOP ACCESSIBILITY TOOL:**

Nick Musson presented a video regarding their process in evaluating bus stops and the land use around the bus stops for Go Transit. They used the tool kit that Easter Seals already had for evaluating the accessibility and safety of bus stops, but they molded the tool kit by including the list of questions they would use in the evaluation process. They took pictures and uploaded the information into a web-based software system called “do forms” for collecting the data, which includes: the date of evaluation, weather, direction of the bus route, actual location of bus stop, various measurements, bus route number, wheel chair accessibility, any issues with landing area, signage, evaluation for snowfall, lighting issues, nearest street crossing, bench or shelter in good condition and accessibility for wheelchairs, and any other barriers. They evaluated approximately 250 bus stops. They noticed that a lot of issues tended to be in the rural areas where they don’t have the necessary infrastructure to support the bus stops. Dave Vickman said it helped to have a third party partner doing the research in evaluating the bus stops and preparing a report.

**6. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM UPDATES:**

Dave Vickman said they had established an agreement with Fox Valley Technical College in April for a student ride program, and the ridership numbers have tripled. Last month they gave 4,500 rides through the program. Dave said one of their contracts with Oshkosh City Cab & Cabulance ends December 31, and Running Inc. will be providing non-ambulatory para-transit transportation in the city of Oshkosh starting next year.

Nick Musson said they just finished their long-range transportation plan for the Oshkosh Metropolitan Planning Organization, which is an all-inclusive transportation document.

Holly Keenan said they have been getting some calls from veterans who live in Oshkosh and want to get a ride to Milwaukee. One person is resistive to riding the bus that is designated for veterans because of the different pickup times.

**7. NEXT MEETING DATE – FEBRUARY 9, 2016:**

The date of the next meeting was noted.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business, Mike Norton moved for adjournment; seconded by Dave Vickman and carried at approximately 2:50 p.m. The next meeting of the Winnebago County Specialized Transportation Council will be held on February 9, 2016 at the Hooper Community Center at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Dorothy De Grace, Human Services Department