



Community and Public Transportation Advisory Board

Teleconference – Meeting Notes

April 29, 2013

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

C&PTAB PARTICIPANTS

- Jennifer Beckmann, Transportation Expert/Low Income
- Patricia Branson, Transportation Expert/Seniors
- Doug Bridges, Nonprofit Organization
- Roberta Graham, Denali Commission
- Bill Herman, Alaska Mental Health Trust Fund
- Glenn Miller, Municipality
- Jeffrey Ottesen, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
- Cheryl Walsh, Department of Labor and Workforce Development
- Carol Wren, Tribes

Not Present:

- Duane Mayes, Department of Human and Social Services
- Heidi Frost, Transportation Expert/Disabilities

OTHERS

- Eric Taylor, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
- Debbi Howard, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
- David Levy, Alaska Mobility Coalition

FACILITATOR

- Marsha Bracke, Bracke and Associates, Inc.

PURPOSE

- Review and confirm process to develop draft strategic plan
- Provide guidance on guests and discussion process with Prince of Wales stakeholders
- Secure Public Comment
- Review action to complete Annual Funding Review Report

- Discuss new member solicitation process

Draft Strategic Plan

The group discussed the process to generate the strategic plan – a process which they acknowledged will merge efforts outlined and prioritized in the CTTF Action Plan, C&PTAB Work Plan, and inputs provided by stakeholders into one working document. The group wants to use and integrate inputs provided to date (through the past two CTTF processes and transit conferences), and generate an action plan that puts them in the place of prioritizing and pursuing those recommendations. They discussed the desire to not have continuous discussions about the same items (taxicabs, for example), while at the same time acknowledging the need and to take on and work only a few prioritized items at a time and do them well.

The group discussed the nuances of performance measures, noting performance measures can be discussed in a number of different ways and clarity around the scope and purpose of those measures is essential. The Act under which the C&PTAB functions requires the group to articulate “performance goals” for the coordination of community and public transportation at the state level; the CTTF Action Plan makes a recommendation for performance measures to measure the effectiveness and efficiency of coordinated transportation systems – a recommendation the C&PTAB identified as a priority to develop and has pursued study of Results Based Accountability as a result. It was noted the strategic plan will have measureable accomplishments to indicate its movement toward the coordinated system it aspires to create, and within that plan may be a strategy to develop performance measures on an operational level that inform how a single population or service provider may be accomplishing that effectiveness and efficiency. It was suggested to identify data already being collected by FTA/DOT as a good place to start, as well as ask other state agencies what they collect – even though effectiveness data from other agencies might be less riders/vehicles/miles oriented and more access and effectiveness oriented on behalf of respective clients.

The facilitator will work with the group electronically over the next month to collect a list of desired conditions for the future coordinated system and another list of barriers to accomplishing those. That material will be used to kickoff the May 29 workshop, where those elements will be refined and strategic direction generated.

Craig Meeting

Thanks to the efforts of Doug Bridges, a list of approximately 12 individuals and suggestions of a number of other perspectives to speak/participate in the community forum portion of the June 19 meeting in Craig was presented to the group. C&PTAB members indicated they would like to learn:

- What the Prince of Wales transportation system looks like
- Who are all the players/partners and what are their roles
- What are the biggest challenges? Successes?
- What are the lessons learned?
- What comments do you have specific to our draft strategic material?
- What other recommendations might you propose we develop for the Governor/Legislature?

Providing the group with a brief overview of the C&PTAB's role might be helpful in securing their direct input to C&TPAB work.

Ultimately, the group confirmed a series of presentations from each of the different perspectives, followed by a series of rotating table top discussions among those various perspectives by C&PTAB members would be a productive way to generate increased understanding.

Marsha will work with Doug and Eric to draft that invitation and issue it to those stakeholders on the list and others who may want to participate.

Other items on the Craig meeting agenda include refining the draft strategic plan, finalizing the annual funding report, and establishing outcomes for the annual community transit conference in October.

Public Comment

David Levy, Alaska Mobility Coalition, addressed the group with a number of points:

- The \$1M state match for public transportation in the Governor's budget will remain
- AMC is conducting two surveys – one of its membership and their priorities and another in coordination with DOT&PF regarding transit conference topics and speakers
- An initiative is underway in Anchorage to change the taxicab ordinance to include set aside requirement for accessible taxicabs. The Assembly will hear the proposal in about a month – the C&PTAB may want to follow that effort.

Annual Funding Review

Action items from the April 2 meeting require follow-up to complete the Annual Funding Review report (not financial data – descriptive text only). The document specifically needs language around Medicaid funding, other social service funding, and labor transportation funding to encompass all the C&PTAB entities (rather than just DOT&PT). Bill, Duane, Cheryl and Marsha will follow-up with this development in anticipation of finalizing the 2013 report at the June meeting.

New Members

An OPN notice is posted seeking to find applicants to for the vacancies on the C&PTAB Board. Applications are due May 17 in hopes the vacant seats can be filled prior to the June 19 meeting. Eric Taylor noted no applications have been received to date. Carol Wren said she has, in fact, distributed the notice through her network.

ACTION

1. Marsha will initiate the process of soliciting input to the strategic plan via electronic venues in preparation for the May 29 meeting. All C&PTAB members response as promptly as possible to provide inputs to that material.
2. Bill and Duane will secure language from DHSS as appropriate to include in the Annual Funding Review report.

3. Marsha and Cheryl will generate language from Labor as appropriate to include in the Annual Funding Review report.
4. Marsha will generate draft invitations and distribute to Prince of Wales stakeholders in coordination with Eric and Doug.
5. All C&PTAB members forward the OPN membership notice through their respective networks.