

**Northwest Regional Transportation Coordination Council (NWRTPCC) Meeting
Minutes for July 28 2022**

Call to Order – RTCC Coordinator Lynnell Popowski

Attending: Darrel Johnson, Nathan Redland, Jennifer Olson, Heather Everson, Dyana Dunagin, Stephanie Aasness, Sharon Bring, Marcia Haglund, Chuck Flage, Seth Nelson, Stacey Urbaniak

Approval of May meeting minutes: Moved by Heather Everson, seconded by Dyana Dunagin motion carried.

Staff Updates:

Lessons from the CTAA conference – Diversity/Equity/Inclusion concerns – How can we better engage riders with lived experience in our work? To create equity we must include our constituents. “Nothing About Us, Without Us.” “If you aren’t at the table, you are probably on the menu.” How can we presume to know their needs if we don’t ask them? Equitable transportation sees mobility as a basic human right. It needs to be affordable, physically accessible, have flexible options, use technology that is accessible and offer cash options whenever possible.

MCOTA Work Team Plans: Removing Barriers work plan assures that people with behavioral and accessibility challenges have meaningful access to providers who are equipped to serve this population. We will set accurate market rates for reimbursement needed to account for increased costs. The Accessibility Work plan integrates transportation planning into all state supported housing plans – universal and walkability planning. The Volunteer Driver Work plan focuses on the Mileage Reimbursement fact sheet, the Volunteer Driver brochure, the two volunteer driver forums, and several lunch and learn seminars.

Greater MN Shared Mobility work team supports all shared transportation options including everything from public transit to ride hail to car sharing to scooters or paratransit. It also includes the infrastructure of safe sidewalks, protected bike lanes, completed streets and information systems used to access these services.

Sustainable Transportation Advisory Council – goals include transitioning the state fleet to zero emissions vehicles, supporting medium and heavy duty EV market including education, incentives, charging infrastructure and travel corridors.

Linking the LCP and the RTCC Logic Model – 2022/23 – each of the top ten issues identified in the Local Coordination Plan has been paired with a goal/strategy in our logic model to ensure that we are working on the issues identified by our constituents.

MCOTA / MNDOT updates – Tom Gottfried and Michelle Lichtig

Funding for Phase 4, Year 2 Transportation Coordination Grant from MNDOT

Next Meeting September 15 Northest Regional Development Commission and via zoom