



Community Transportation Input Committee Meeting Minutes August 21, 2023, 2:00 PM

Attending: Glenn Launiger Andrew Stromme
 Trevor Vannett Susan Dingle
 Rande Sailer

Not Attending: Helen Baumgartner

Staff: Deidre Hughes Taylor Kitzen
 Danae Thiery

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M.

Regular Agenda

1. Transit Develop Plan Public Meeting & Study Progress: Deidre discussed a service alternative presented to Policy Board and TAC last week for the TDP. Bill Troe, SRF, came up with a service alternative that would run 14 vehicles during fixed route hours open to the public and run as a “dial a ride” service. This alternative would be put in place if Bis-Man Transit cannot fill the funding gap.

Trevor asked if this service alternative would be in the TDP. Deidre answered yes. Trevor commented that the City Commission wouldn't accept that alternative. Deidre explained that this is part of the plan as a whole, and the Board and the City Commission would be asked to accept the plan rather than approve the alternatives.

Deidre discussed that the TDP documents should be ready mid-September and will have to be accepted by the appropriate channels, and should be finalized by the end of November.

2. Funding Discussion Update: Deidre explained that a meeting was held with members of the City of Mandan, and it was recommended to ask HIT Inc. for a donation since most trips with Mandan pick-up originate at their day program. There has been no word back yet.

Deidre also discussed that she has had meetings with Brenda Nagle, CEO of Bismarck Mandan EDC and Todd Steinwald, from the Leach Foundation. Deidre is researching the grant application from the Leach Foundation and will have to see if they are able to fund what Transit is looking for. Deidre also has meetings scheduled with the directors from local agencies (Enable, Pride, Hit, Support Systems etc.) this Friday.

Deidre explained that there is an RFP opportunity for travel training for people with disabilities. Deidre is researching to make sure Bis-Man Transit is able to respond and that it won't interfere with the Mobility Manager grant.

Trevor commented that it would be nice to receive funds from Mandan. Deidre reiterated that it will be good to have riders and advocates in Mandan as those conversations with the City of Mandan continue.

Other Business: N/A

Meeting adjourned at 2:17 P.M.



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