

Helena Area TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (HATAC)
May 10, 2016 Monthly Meeting Minutes
MCDD Conference Center 2712 Billings Ave. Helena, MT
1:00 PM till 2:30 PM

Attendance: Les Clark (MILP), Jaymie Sheldahl (RMDC-Head Start/HATAC Secretary), Bob Maffit (MILP/HATAC Vice-Chair), Steve Larson (HATS), Mike Hruska (Capital Taxi), Laura Erickson (L&C County), Deborah Swingley (Montana Council of Developmental Disabilities/HATAC Chair), Walt Hanley (RMDC), Patrick Sanders (DPHHS), James Schell (City of East Helena Mayor), Charlie Briggs (Easter Seals),

Conference Phone: none

Introductions: Meeting started with introductions. All in attendance signed sign-in sheet.

Update: Two Federal partners out on the CTAA Grant to visit.

Schedule an election of officers. Per by-laws there can be self-nomination or nominate someone else.

By-laws need to be reviewed. Charlie Briggs, Jaymie Sheldahl, and Deborah Swingley will review and have recommendations ready for next TAC meeting.

Quarterly meeting schedule:

Election of Officers and review of by-laws on agenda for August 16, 2016. Officer nominations dead-line August 1, 2016.

First items all agreed upon by consensus

Transit Manager Update: See attached for ridership numbers. Capital Transit will happen before Labor Day. Hoping the concrete work will get in the ground in the next 2 weeks to a month to get stops taken care of, ADA curb cuts are getting done now. The stops will continue to be made over the next 2 years. Getting enough stops done to have a smooth running route. Working on signage. Getting agreements out. What time of AM want to start? What direction do we want to go? Need to lay out the schedule of the day. Bus will run 12.5 hours a day. Need

to gather data on when workers need the bus to run in order to use to commute to work. Beginning to market the changes and get information out to the community (see attached). Market through radio, IR, Brewer's games. What kind of demographics do we want to hit in the beginning? Talk to someone at Chamber of Commerce for input on marketing approaches. Initial period of time run route with no charge. Have information ready regarding the Legislative Shuttle service to give to Legislatures when they come to town for their training after elections. Budget meeting - Room 326 City/County Building at 5:05 Monday May 16, 2016.

City of East Helena update (James Schell): 2 bus stops are getting ADA analysis and will get in budget so stops meet standards.

Governance Models: Laura Erickson – see attached. Charlie Briggs moved the TAC endorse moving in the direction of the TIA model. Walt Hanley and Bob Maffit seconded. A group that is focused on Transit issues only while we are getting new routes up, transitioning to Capital Transit. Passed unanimously. Next steps, James Schell will bring it to the next East Helena City Council to begin discussions. Introduce the idea to the Joint City/County Meeting in June – Steve Larson will take it back to the City.

Commuter Routes – Charlie Briggs: see attached. 27 interviews were conducted with community stake holders who were interested in discussing transit issues. Motion: Les Clark HTAC endorses the Regional employment commuter Shuttle Service and put forth to the lead Agency to consider. James Schell seconded. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:56.