

HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Date: November 13, 2023

Start Time: 2 pm

End Time: 3:15 pm

Facilitator: Carrie Ward

Study/Project/Task: 6.12 Human Services Agency Transportation

Attendance

Name	Title	Affiliation
Adam Leach	Program Director	Catholic Charities Schenectady
Andy Gilpin	Executive Director	CAPTAIN Community Human Services
Bob O'Connell	Board Member	CAPTAIN Community Human Services
Brian Cregin	Chief Operating Officer	Center for Disability Services
Brian Monaco	Director of Employment & Transportation Services	Center for Disability Services
Denise Figueroa	Executive Director	Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley
Ethan Warren	Senior Transportation Planner	CDTA
Robyn Haberman	Associate State Director	AARP
Jennifer Michelle	President	Green Town Consulting
Mark Castiglione	Executive Director	CDRPC

Name	Title	Affiliation
Peggy Osborne	Coordinator of Senior Services	Town of Bethlehem
Peter Crasto-Donnelly	Operations Manager	The Food Pantries for the Capital District
Angelina Searles	Director	Town of Colonie Department of Senior Resources
Valerie Rosado	Customer Service Manager	CDTA
Gretchen Moore	Community Outreach Specialist	Albany Guardian Society
Rachel Rejiester	BASE Site Supervisor	Saratoga Regional YMCA
Jennifer Rice	Senior Director, Program Design and Implementation	Healthy Alliance
Celeste Harp		NYSDOT Region 1
Lauren Nori	Intern	Saratoga Senior Center
Cylie Millington	Intern	Saratoga Senior Center

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome/Introductions

2. Acceptance of prior meeting notes

Notes accepted with no changes.

3. Committee Name Change, and a Policy Change

Name change: New name needs to include the term "Advisory Committee". How about "Human Services Advisory Committee?" The group deemed this title too broad and preferred, "Human Services Transportation Advisory Committee" instead.

Policy change: Future meetings will be recorded and broadcast live on the Transportation Council's YouTube channel.

No concerns about this policy were shared but a request was made to make a statement at the beginning of each meeting to remind everyone that it is being recorded and broadcast, because people tend to forget these things.

4. NYS Master Plan for Aging

Carrie is participating in the Transportation Working Group, which is coming up with policy proposals and recommendations covering topics such as resources awareness including real-time outage awareness, as well as transportation supply versus needs including misalignment and shortages of modes, clarifying insurance rules, and affordability and equity barriers.

A public survey is currently available: <https://forms.ny.gov/s3/mpasurvey>

Survey deadline: 12/31/2023

5. Final Draft Coordinated Plan

At its November meeting, the Planning Committee recommended that the Policy Board approve the final draft. The draft will be presented to the Policy Board in early December for adoption.

a. Public Comment

Only one comment was received. The comment was regarding eye appointments; when you go in you can see, but when you leave you can't see, and there's often a lack of familiarity on the part of doctor's office staff on how to use the rideshare smartphone apps. Staff in eye doctor's offices should know how to use those apps.

b. Presentation to CDRPC Fall Planning & Zoning Workshop

Carrie presented the draft at the workshop for planning and zoning members, who often make decisions related to the locations and site design of places where seniors and people who have a disability may need transportation services, such as senior housing and medical facilities. At the workshop, Carrie was made aware of a grant opportunity to install a particular type of wheelchair charging stations. Any interest from this group in implementing a project or identifying locations for installation? Representatives from the Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley, Town of Bethlehem, Town of Colonie, The Food Pantries, and Catholic Charities in Schenectady indicated interest. Carrie will follow up.

6. NADTC Funded Projects

Colonie Senior Services completed the NADTC-funded portion of its project and is looking to continue.

The Transportation Equity Symposium provided a thought-provoking facilitated discussion. Some follow up is supposed to occur but has not occurred yet. Each person who attended was asked to commit to continue the work identified in the discussion.

[Recruiting and Retaining Paid and Volunteer Drivers](#) presentation and recording are available online.

The group indicated interest in having NADTC as a speaker at the next Tools of the Trade.

7. Section 5310 funding

The upcoming solicitation is anticipated this fall.

8. Updates

a. Saratoga County Transportation Taskforce, Andy Gilpin

The taskforce is coalescing on a pilot project concept to take place in northern Saratoga County linking Warren and Saratoga, leverage existing transportation assets like volunteers and organizations where they can access CDTA. Part of that effort includes mapping the assets, which will hopefully show people what's available and help with better coordination and open up more assets for a collaborative program. They're also looking at an east-west corridor between Malta and Ballston Spa. The Glens Falls-CDTA merger is an advantage to the effort.

b. Sidewalk Transition Plans

The public feedback survey on the City of Troy Transition Plan prioritization methodology recently closed. The Village of Ballston Spa has a survey open right now to help identify priority locations. The Town of Guilderland hasn't decided yet on what form its public input will take. Data collection is complete for all three projects.

a. Safe Streets and Roads for All grant

This project is expected to start in early 2024.

9. News Around the Table

Adam Leach reported about a new volunteer driver program to provide support for seniors.

10. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be Monday, Feb 5, at 2 pm.