



Regional Transportation Committee

6/7/19

TCOG Texoma Room

MINUTES

Present: Josh Walker, Judy Conner, Marsha Lindsey, Katie Baillio, Judy Fullylove, Molly Guard

Welcome and introductions: The committee convened at 9:05. Molly G welcomed everyone.

Review of grant progress/ reporting: Molly completed the annual TxDOT report, which included information on partnerships, meeting minutes and progress against goals. She reviewed some of the specifics.

Market analysis: Josh and Molly discussed the market analysis, which will be completed between now and August 31st. The purpose is to dig a little deeper and gather information on potential riders along with their locations. Part of the study will look at fixed routes to places like low income housing, medical facilities, etc. A list of potential stops was passed around for the committee to review. Although college students were not part of our initial target groups, it was discussed that over the past year, we've seen a need among that population. For that reason, colleges were placed on the list of potential fixed route facilities. If colleges pay for this service, it would be considered match. Veterans' needs were also discussed.

In addition to the market analysis, Dr. Debbie Plyler is still working on the list of alternative transportation resources. She will be focused on this during the last 2 weeks of June.

Next steps/ discussion: Additional routes—The Fannin Food Group may need help with transportation to their monthly pick-up. Delano Smith (TCOG) will be asked to follow up with Josh. TAPS is also willing to work out a route for Road Runner if their residents need rides to Gainesville for groceries, etc. Molly will ask the Road Runner City Council at their next meeting.

There was some discussion of the need for “ambassadors” to ride the buses—people who could assist elderly, disabled riders.

Update from Josh – TAPS is starting to partner with the Denton transportation service. In addition, he will be following up with Tyson as a potential fixed route employer.

Next meeting date: The next meeting is scheduled for September 6th at 8:30 am.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.