



**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
TRANSIT WORK GROUP
MINUTES
August 20, 2024**

Meeting Attendance: Randy Fifrick, George Peterson, Doug Diny, Mark Thuot, Ryan VanDeWalle, Gaylene Rhoden, Arran Hersey, Megan Newman, Jami Gebert, Aaron Anklam, Laurie Miskimins, Darryl Landeau

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Fifrick at 2:00pm.

2. APPROVE MINIUTES OF MAY 30TH 2024, MEETING

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY / THUOT/DINY TO APPROVE THE MAY 30, 2024, MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

3. METRO RIDE PRESENTATION

Megan Newman provided an overview of the Metro Ride operating parameters.

4. DISCUSSION – POSSIBLE PUBLIC INPUT SURVEY

The group discussed whether or not municipalities would want to move forward with a public input survey on expansion of transit. Generally, the feedback indicated that the representatives needed to go back to the policy makers in their communities first to gauge interest in expanding transit. The group asked MPO staff to prepare slides and a brief that they could be used to present to their respective boards. The slides and brief should address the major considerations a municipality would need to know related to expanding transit into their communities, including an understanding of potential routes and cost ranges. The MPO staff can use the 2022 Transit Development Plan to provide some of this information, but the group discussed that figures, etc. would likely require more updated study or research, and would be dependent on routes the community would be interested in.

Follow-Up: MPO will prepare slides and brief that the participating communities can use to present to their boards and gauge interest. The considerations and figures will be largely based on the 2022 Transit Development Plan.

5. TOPICS & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Report back on meetings with respective boards.

6. IDENTIFY NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME – DOODLE POLL

The group discussed the next meeting is to be determined, but likely in October or November. It would depend on when the participating municipalities could get feedback from their policy makers.

7. ADJOURN

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY / THUOT/PETERSON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 2:43PM. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Submitted by:

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