



**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
TRANSIT WORK GROUP
MINUTES
December 3rd, 2024**

Meeting Attendance: Randy Fifrick, Mark Thuot, Ryan VanDeWalle, Gaylene Rhoden, Megan Waller, Aaron Anklam, Laurie Miskimins, Darryl Landeau, Lukas Lindner

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Fifrick at 10:06AM.

2. APPROVE MINIUTES OF August 20TH 2024, MEETING

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY / VANDEWALLE/THUOT TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 20, 2024, MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

3. DISCUSSION – UPDATE FROM EACH MUNICIPALITY ON TRANSIT WORK GROUP SLIDES

MPO communities reported out from discussions with their policy makers about interest in transit. Consensus was funding mechanisms/ability to fund transit is not a priority for communities at this time. There was also discussion that the way transit serves the area now is antiquated and needs to be reimagined to meet needs of today.

4. DISCUSSION – TRANSIT WORK GROUP NEXT STEPS

Continue to monitor funding mechanisms and opportunities, but outside of significant changes in opportunities for communities to fund transit, the group would likely not move forward with transit expansion discussions at this time. Metro Ride is looking at new and innovative approaches to expanding transit and use of micro transit models. As those develop there may be opportunities to bring the group back together and discuss further. Staff will prepare an update to the MPO Committee in the new year.

5. ADJOURN

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY / VANDEWALLE/RHODEN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:19AM. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

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