

HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Date: January 29, 2024

Start Time: 2 pm

End Time: 3 pm

Facilitator: Carrie Ward

Study/Project/Task: 6.12 Human Services Agency Transportation

Attendance

Name	Title	Affiliation
Andy Gilpin	Executive Director	CAPTAIN Community Human Services
Brian Monaco	Dir of Empl & Transp Svcs	Center for Disability Services
Sandy Misiewicz	Executive Director	Capital Region Transportation Council
Rima Shamieh	Transportation Planner	Capital Region Transportation Council
Denise Figueroa	Executive Director	Indep. Living Center of the Hudson Valley
Jennifer Michelle	President	Green Town Consulting
Mark Castiglione	Executive Director	CDRPC
Angelina Searles	Director	Town of Colonie Dept. of Senior Resources
Rachel Rejiester	Advocate	Saratoga Senior Center
Donna Stressel		Sunnyview Hospital & Rehab. Center
Diane Conroy-LaCivita	Executive Director	Colonie Seniors
Audrey Burneson	System Specialist	NYSDOT R 1 Plng & Prgm Mgmt
Toufiq Zahan	System Specialist	PTB, NYSDOT
Joseph Bonarrigo	Policy Analyst	Albany County Executive's Office
Judy Dahoda-Taylor	Deputy Director	Saratoga County Dept. Aging & Youth Svcs

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome/Introductions – Carrie Ward

Welcome. Starting today we'll be streaming these committee meetings live on YouTube.

2. Advisory Committee Procedures – Sandy Misiewicz

The Transportation Council has developed policies to govern its advisory committees so that expectations are clear for all participants going forward. The policy aims to increase transparency for all the advisory committees without stifling conversation. In addition to networking, the committees can review, identify, and provide feedback on the Transportation Council's core products such as the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program as well as community planning studies, and may be asked to advise on plans or programs. The policy also outlines what advisory committee attendees may not do, such as make decisions on behalf of the Transportation Council, use its logo without permission, or speak to the media representing themselves as a Council member.

Please reach out with questions or concerns.

3. Acceptance of prior meeting notes

Notes accepted with no changes.

4. NYS Master Plan for Aging status

Subcommittee reports are due this month. The interim report was due in January but Carrie hasn't been able to find a posting of it online. The Technology Subcommittee shared their report with the other subcommittees. It recommends a uniform care platform to help older adults and people with disabilities remain in their homes and communities.

5. Tools of the Trade 2024

The group consensus is that another in-person Tools of the Trade event should be held on a Thursday in June. Pruyn House in Latham is undergoing changes and may not be scheduling events this year. Beltrone may be able to host but June would be tight. The Saratoga County Transportation Taskforce is interested in holding a 2.5 hr (at most) event to gather people and ideas, so there is potential to coordinate the two events back-to-back and find a location in Saratoga County to host them both. Besides the topics that Transportation Council staff proposed, the following ideas were shared:

- A speaker on volunteer recruitment (Judy Dahoda-Taylor's idea)
- Invite Dr. Ruth to speak on loneliness (Diane Conroy-LaCivita's idea)

- Olmstead Implementation Plan, invite the Chief Disability Officer or someone from her office, they just hired Shelley Medori as the Plan Coordinator. (Denise Figueroa's idea)

6. Final Coordinated Plan

- a. Adopted on December 7, 2023
- b. Organizations will need to know this date, and also the page number of the Needs, Gaps and Barriers section of the plan for their 5310 applications.
- c. The newly adopted plan is posted here:
https://www.capitalmpo.org/images/transit_human/CoordinatedPlan2023.pdf

7. Section 5310 funding

- a. Applications due Feb 5
- b. Expect awards added to state funding list by June

8. Updates

- a. NYSDOH factsheet, "What to do When Motorized Wheelchairs Lose Power"
DOH is developing this factsheet and is asking for feedback. Please don't share it publicly.
 - Carrie will send the draft factsheet to Denise Figueroa, who volunteered to review it, and Joe Bonarrigo and Brian Monaco, who offered to share it with their networks for review.
 - Carrie will follow up with NYSDOH to get clarity on who the intended audience is for the factsheet.
- b. Saratoga County Transportation Taskforce – Andy Gilpin
 - The taskforce is working finding transportation options and ways to coordinate better serve low income residents, seniors, and disabled people.
 - They have identified 4 priorities:
 - Create a public transit connection between southern Warren County and northern Saratoga County along the Route 9 corridor with Flex program operating between the towns of Corinth and Wilton
 - Create an east-west connection along Route 67 between Ballston Spa and Malta, with CDTA FLEX On Demand or the STAR program to get people more easily/efficiently to the Route 50 Bus
 - Create a transit route extending the length of Route 9, extending into Albany County
 - Improve support of the aging population by identifying gaps, improving communication, and creating more options for seniors
- c. Pedestrian infrastructure Transition Plans
 - Ballston Spa adopted theirs last week

- The Troy and Guilderland draft plans are under internal review. The drafts will be posted and public comments will be accepted before they can be adopted.
 - Guilderland may be able to condense the improvements/repairs on town rights-of-way into one year.
- d. Safe Streets and Roads for All grant
- Consultant selection is still pending.
 - Anticipating that the February 22 ROSAC meeting will act as the project kick off. If so, that meeting agenda will include what public input will be conducted and how "underserved community" will be defined for the project.

9. News Around the Table/ Public Comment

Diane Conroy-LaCivita: Beltrone's new bus arrived last week.

10. Next Meeting:

The group consensus was that it should meet in May even though the Tools of the Trade will be held in June.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 6, at 2 pm.