

Statewide Mobility Management Project

Pilot - Southeast Regional Coordination Committee

Meeting #4 Summary

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Meeting Purpose

This meeting served as a discussion session for the Southeast Regional Coordination Committee (RCC) of the Statewide Mobility Management Project sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT). The RCC is composed of executive level officials and representatives of agencies tasked with aiding and providing feedback in implementing the coordination strategies developed as part of the project. The meeting's purpose was to hold a general RCC meeting to test how the meeting outline works. During the meeting, the mobility manager provided updates on her work since the last RCC meeting and facilitated provide a platform for communicating ideas, to gather input from NDOT and to provide an update on Mobility Manager's work.

The meeting was held at Lincoln and included a presentation by Smita Sharma (serving as the Mobility Manager for Southeast region) and Bill Troe of SRF with intermittent questions answered by the SRF staff and Kari Ruse of the NDOT.

Sign-In Sheets

NEBRASKA STATEWIDE MOBILITY MANAGEMENT PROJECT
 MEETING PURPOSE: SOUTHWEST RCC MEETING #4

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MEETING PURPOSE: SOUTHEAST RCC MEETING #4

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Meeting Notes

Attendance

20 [12 (in-person) + 8 (online)]

In Person

- Kari Ruse, NDOT
- George Gallardo, NDOT
- Betsy Goodman, SENDD
- Jerry Diechert, UNO
- Robert Blair, UNO
- Scott Bartels, SCAT
- Morgan Vogel, UNO
- Corrina Duckworth, SCPT
- Brian Praener, StarTran
- Abe Anshasi, NDOT
- Smita Sharma, SRF
- Bill Troe, SRF

Online

- Megan Walker, MAPA
- Lori J Meyers, United Way
- Lois McClintock/Lisa from Tecumseh Transit
- Pan Armknecht & Vicky McNealy, SENCA
- Janice Johnson, Express Arrow
- Heather Tomczak, United Way of Midlands

RCC Structure

Forum vs. Committee

- To further strengthen the idea of committee rather than a discussion forum, the members and NDOT supported the idea of attendance and participation requirement.
- There will be 3-4 meetings in a year (1.5 hours duration each) and participants will be required to attend at least TWO of them either in-person or via phone/online attendance.
- Megan supported the concept of having a coordination committee which has proven (in the case of CTC coordinated by MAPA) to help get unified perceptions from the region. CTC members also finds it helpful for funding and local match queries and help.

Regional Mobility Manager

- The RCC members supported the idea of having local regional managers attend RCC meetings from other regions to maintain a dialogue between regions. This also helps in identifying inter-regional coordination strategies.
- Smita will contact transit providers and support them for their marketing needs including flyer/posters design, printing, outreach and travel training.
- Smita sought feedback on handbook developed for the RCC. The handbook was developed based on the experiences working with southeast RCC and looking at examples from other states.
- Smita provided an update on new outreach (Colonial Acres in Humboldt) and progress on coordination strategies especially the shared regional trip calendar.
 - Regional trip calendar's url will be shared with RCC members via email for quick access. The calendar is not meant for general public use and is expected to serve as a resource for transportation providers to be informed about other regional trips being offered in the region for potential coordination.
- Scott Bartells mentioned that Public Health Solutions (PHS) provides services to their clients that sometimes includes providing information about transportation options in Fillmore, Thayer, Jefferson, Gage and Saline Counties.
 - Smita contacted PHS and spoke to Carmen Chinchilla-Gutierrez (402.826.3880 | cchinchilla@phsneb@org). Carmen suggested that county specific flyers can be sent to PHS so they can pass that information to their clients. Smita will follow-up and send outreach/marketing material to PHS.

Identifying Transit Needs

- An active mobility manager and RCC will help identify the transit needs in the region. Public meetings can also be held to ascertain transit needs and gaps. The needs, destinations and origins are constantly changing in rural areas based on opening and closing of new medical or recreation facility or new medical needs. Kari Ruse agreed that identification of needs happens organically.
- Everyone agreed that having an active involvement of the RCC and mobility manager will help identify the needs and gaps on a regular basis.

Information will be sent out by NDOT or SRF Consulting about new contacts for mobility management activities after the end of current phase of project on April 30th.

This was the last RCC meeting in the pilot phase. Next meeting will be held in the summer (around mid-June) and will be arranged by the NDOT and UNO staff.