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Polk County Transportation Advisory Group *February 28, 2018*

“To bring human service agencies and transportation providers together for the common objective of improving mobility options for individuals in need.”

AGENDA:

1) INTRODUCTIONS

Present: Catlin Curry – DART

Megan Harrison – Easter Seals

Jeremy Johnson-Miller – Iowa DOT

Stephanie Riva – City of Norwalk (DMAMPO Executive Committee)

Sarah Constable-Runkel – HIRTA

Melissa McCoy – United Way 211

Kelly Angell – American Cancer Society

Teree Caldwell- Johnson – Oakridge/Des Moines Schools

Seth Johnson – United Way OpportUNITY

Allison Riley - DMAMPO

2) PRESENTATION: Connect Downtown – City of Des Moines Transportation Staff

3) REPORT: Mobility Managers Update – Alison Walding (DART) & Sarah Constable (HIRTA)

DART --- New MC with DART – Catlin Currie – DART and DMARC have partnered for mobile food pantry – First & Third Thursday of each month from 4-6pm at DART Central Station – DART is looking for comments and input on route changes on new routes – MH Mall to Euclid

Also looking to make changes to routes 1 & 10

HIRTA--- in 2016 the employment initiative started in Newton and they are looking to expand that to other counties.

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Gins • Johnston • Mitchellville • Norwalk • Pleasant Hill • Polk City • Polk County
Urbandale • Warren County • Walker • West Des Moines • Windsor Heights

Mobility Matters is now Beyond the Bus – partnered with Epilepsy Foundation – Roxanne will be the keynote talking about how invisible illnesses affect transportation access april 25—
Newton Speedway

4) REPORT: DOT Overview – Jeremy Johnson-Miller (IADOT)

DOT is attempting to improve the licensing process --- making sure there is one location about how to get a license and how to access the DL stations --- looking to partner within 511 to include transit routes to then link the increased information --- example – if a person has epilepsy what are the hoops/paperwork/etc that they need to bring with them to the DL station to get a license – also includes the newly released prisoner populations and helping to increase their ability to gain a driver’s license. Jeremy’s office just received a grant for research – where are the policies in other state agencies to get more people on the bus – increasing accessibility and affordability. Increasing the prevalence of the conversation in other agencies.

Promotion of Iowa RideShare site 😊 in Clowa DART ride share is the prominent program
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5) PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION: Passenger Transportation Plan Draft Review – Allison Riley (MPO) – Riley presented the FFY 2019-2023 Passenger Transportation Plan to the group for comment, review, and discussion.

6) WRAP UP/FINAL DISCUSSION

Next Meeting: To Be Determined