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Polk County Transportation Advisory Group

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Des Moines Area MPO

"Partnership of regional agencies to discuss barriers and connect Central Iowa with safe, accessible, reliable, and cost-efficient transportation."

AGENDA:

1) INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Anthony Dufauchard, RACI
- b. Sinishaw Iticha, Catholic Charities
- c. Natalie Lynch, United Way, OpportUNITY
- d. Jeremy Johnson-Miller, Iowa DOT
- e. Catlin Curry, DART
- f. Ebonee Nelson, DART
- g. Giada Moressi, DART,
- h. Mike Armstrong, Street Collective
- i. Hayley Rauzi, USCRI
- j. Roxanne Cogil, Epilepsy Foundation of Iowa

2) PRESENTATION: *Iowa DOT Statewide Transit Plan* – Jeremy Johnson-Miller, IADOT

- a. Progress Report
- b. Started this process December 2018
- c. Surveyed all transportation providers in the state
- d. What are your current service needs, fleet needs, facility needs, personnel and technology needs?
- e. Received 100 % feedback from all transit agencies
- f. Listening sessions at IPTA and Passenger Transportation Summit.
- g. Stakeholder Groups and Public Facing Survey

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- h. Cedar Rapids Transit, Marshalltown Transit, SWITA, AARP, American Cancer Society, UCEDD, Veteran's Affairs, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Iowa Department of Public Health
 - i. September, had their first stakeholder meeting
 - j. Starting to Analyze the data
 - k. Had 560 responses (up to 650 now with some paper forms out still)
 - l. Will help create a statewide vision and have some goals.
 - m. Allison - MPO, question was raised about how to involve the specific TAG groups in this process. Response was that it could be part of the secondary planning process.
 - n. Mineta Transportation Institute will complete the analysis of the ridership public survey.
 - o. Looking forward to Cost and Revenue to forecast revenue and expenses, determine shortfalls, etc.
 - p. Utilized a survey that was conducted in California
 - q. Internal Stakeholder group that will include aviation, rail, driver & identification, district planner and location & environment
 - r. 2019 Public Transit Survey
 - s. Demographics
 - t. Distribution
 - u. GIS Results - Median Household Income (eventually will overlay with Transit Routes and where needs might be)
 - v. Would like to meet with DART and MPO staff to make sure that things are lining up.
- 3) **REPORT: Mobility Manager Update - Catlin Curry (DART)**
- a. Van Donation program deadline to apply for is November 22nd
 - b. October Service Change went into effect, still waiting to see what the results of the changes have been, but have heard positive things so far. Still looking at how we can potentially increase awareness and ridership on the route 11 which is serving Deer Ridge.
 - c. Transit Gap Analysis is moving forward. Starting to schedule the in depth interviews with a variety of organizations and then surveys to individuals should be going out.
- 4) **REPORT: MPO Update - Allison van Pelt**
- a. Long Range Transportation plan is going to policy board tomorrow for approval. Transit wasn't a huge emphasis for this plan, but highlighted some spotlight issues.
- 5) **DISCUSSION: TAG Member Updates**
- a. Roxanne - Epilepsy Support Group, piloting a seizure awareness and recognition course, individuals will be able to get CEU's, can be done as a live webinar or in person training, no cost to provide the training

- b. Effort to get all the group leaders from the various subgroups of the OpportUNITY to speak and share about what they are talking about
 - c. Anthony, Refugee Day on the Hill happening in January or February
 - d. Jeremy – DOT, lots of conversations around workforce development and employment especially around the returning citizens population, have introduced a bill to the governor’s office around some initiatives and DOT. Also includes Department of Corrections. This plan might include some technology asks as well as some staffing requests.
 - e. USCRI – haven’t had any resettlements since September, President finally signed the executive order that will allow resettlement organizations to move into their next fiscal year, but don’t have any numbers on what the next year might look like.
 - f. Catholic Charities might be shifting staff into different departments, but still a lot of unknown.
- 6) **DISCUSSION:** Proposed 2020 Meeting Dates - January 15, April 15, July 15, October 21
- 7) **WRAP UP/FINAL DISCUSSION**
- a. Feedback – how are we involving education and workforce development?
Discussed that attendance at this meeting ebbs and flows, but we have had workforce attendance in the past. Brainstormed education representation.

Next Meeting: *Proposed dates above*