

# MEETING NOTES

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September 12, 2022

Project# 27269.0

Project Name: Harney County Coordinated Plan Update  
Meeting: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) #2  
Location: Harney County Senior Center  
Time: 1:00 to 3:00 PM

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The purpose of this meeting was to present Draft Tech Memos #2 (Public Outreach Summary), #3 (Transit Needs), and #4 (Transit Strategies & Implementation). TAC members offered review and comment on the content of the draft memos, as summarized below. The project team will review the comments and incorporate into the memos as appropriate.

## Project Update

- Moving into developing the draft coordinated transportation plan and intend to have it adopted by the New Year

## Draft TM #2 (Initial Public Workshop and Stakeholder Interviews)

- No comments received

## Draft TM #3 (Human Services Transportation Needs)

- Eastern POINT weekend service not currently operating due to low demand
- Greyhound, Amtrak, and Pacific Crest Bus Lines all fall under the umbrella of Eastern POINT
- The possible need for transportation service to special events has been identified but demand has been low in the past and the County can't provide charter service, so the service must be available to the general public; something for them to continue evaluating, including an on-call approach.
- There's a need to provide rides to elementary and middle school riders

## **Draft TM #4 (Human Services Transportation Strategies and Implementation Plan)**

- Radio station is operating again – could be a good advertising avenue
- Driver training is important – particularly for the long-distance trips – and is a requirement for the County; drivers are required to update training regularly; drivers are also trained in CPR
- County has a grant to continue updating its branding
- Consider posting flyers about services at businesses (especially ones adjacent to bus stops), churches, food banks, medical clinics, schools, etc.
- Interest in smartphone applications for riders to see bus schedule, route, and possibly real-time arrival information (help with trip planning and reduce call volume for dispatch)
- County is replacing vehicles with hybrid options and looking into electric options; something to be mindful of with electric buses are power outages, fires, and cost increases (if vendors have a monopoly on the market)
- County is including free rides to all students in upcoming STIF application
- Coordination with school districts might be beneficial

### **Next Steps**

- TAC to provide feedback on Draft TM's #2-4 to County by Monday, September 19
- Review upcoming Draft Coordinated Transportation Plan
- Participate in final TAC Meeting (#3) in November to discuss Draft Plan