



CAC MEETING #6

OCTOBER 8TH, 2019 – 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
RVT TRANSLINK – 239 E BARNETT RD, MEDFORD

MEETING NOTES

ATTENDEES

TAC MEMBERS:

Kori Ebenhack, Brad Earl, Karen Zerger, Nathan Emerson, Pamela Norr, Ed Smith-Burns, Francis Plowman, George Adams, Tom Fink

RVT STAFF:

Paige West, Melissa Lowry

CONSULTANT TEAM:

Susie Wright, Molly McCormick

MEETING PURPOSE

- ▶ Provide update on Plan adoption
- ▶ Solicit input from the CAC on the Plan implementation - Memos 10, 12, and 13

DESIRED OUTCOMES

- ▶ Input on RVT Implementation Roles
 - Department-Level Plans
 - Transportation Options (TO)
- ▶ Input on Local Partner Implementation Roles
 - Local Transportation System Plan (TSP) and Code Recommendations

TIME	SUBJECT	LEAD PRESENTER	GUIDANCE REQUESTED
1:30	Welcome/Project Updates	Paige West/ RVTD	Confirm understanding
1:35	STIF Updates	Paige	Questions for clarification
1:45	Project Schedule and Next Steps	Susie Wright/Kittelton	Confirm understanding
1:50	RVTD Implementation Actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Desires Transportation Options (Memo 13) Department-Level Plans (Memo 12) 	Paige/Susie	What would you add, delete, or change?
2:30	Local Partner Implementation Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local TSP and Code Recommendations (Memo 10) 	RVCOG	Are these recommendations feasible for your community/jurisdiction? Anything missing?
2:45	Break		
3:00	Local TSP and Code Recommendations Discussion	RVCOG	
3:25	Next Steps/Adjourn	Susie	

NOTES

- ▶ Welcome
 - Split this project into two parts to have an adopted plan for funding requirements
 - The content of this meeting is focused on people and not on route projects
- ▶ STIF Updates
 - RVTD is already moving forward with the adopted projects and will continue to provide the first round of new services into 2020
- ▶ Project Schedule and Next Steps
 - The project team will go to the board for an amendment to the adopted Transit Master Plan (TMP) in November
- ▶ Community Desires
 - Seven broader categories for the community desires include: community involvement, bus stops, ADA/accessible transportation, multimodal connections, fare, ongoing performance and goals, and foster choice riders
 - Bus Stops

- Beside routes, bus stops are one of the most discussed components of the transit system
 - Recommendation to engage the school district for thinking though pedestrian connections
 - The school district received a large grant for safe routes to school and knows where many of the gaps are to get kids to bus routes
- ADA/Accessible Transportation
 - Piloted the Touchpass cloud-based fare system for the country but still looking to make the system more accessible for all users and feasible for other services besides fixed-routes
- Multimodal Connections
 - RVTD is going to pilot a TNC-type of service in Ashland
 - Reminder that RVTD is considered a secondary responder during an emergency
- Fare
 - Fare pays for about 15% of RVTD's service
 - Employer partners would be major users of the system
 - Almost 70% of transactions are being made by Touchpass (RVTD is leading for this type system participation in the country)
- Comments
 - When signing the bus routes, it would be more helpful to those with disabilities if there was braille on the sides
 - When on a bus to catch a transfer, the app will say the next bus is leaving when they are on the bus. Lots of frequent updates and provides an idea of what is available
 - For security, potential for security guards or cameras at bus stops
 - The field supervisors (2) are available on the system
 - Have hired security patrol at front street station but need more because the system is huge
 - Maybe someone unmarked who rides the bus to help with any security issues that arise
- ▶ Memo 13 – Transportation Options
 - Would be good to bring this program summary to United Way's transportation committee
 - Is travel training provided in Spanish?
 - Have not previously provided trainings in Spanish but have staff to support it
 - What age would Free Fare for Seniors be? –
 - It is not set at this time. Honored citizens (veterans and seniors) could be at 70 or 62. No federal age for free fares but required to do reduced fares for 62 and older.
- ▶ Memo 12 – Department-level Plans
 - Who owns facilities when shelters and cameras are put in?
 - RVTD owns their facilities. Bus stops are typically easements with RVTD providing maintenance.

- For the new buses with the rear-facing wheelchair space, need training for drivers and riders on how to use the restraint and how to ask for a stop.
- The IT security requirements and disaster preparedness action items should be on-going or sooner than 5-years
- ▶ Memo 10 - Local Transportation System Plan and Code Recommendations
 - Memo 10 is not going to be adopted in the TMP because RVTD has no authority over local jurisdictions for these recommendations
 - RVTD will be working on some guidelines for local jurisdictions with RVCOG, ODOT, and jurisdictions
 - Brad is on the Medford's TAC for their TSP
 - Biggest interest currently is the segment of Table Rock Road between Beall Lane and Biddle Road, which is in the plan but not a near-term project
 - There are a lot of students using that segment that dart into the street
 - Have created walking buses and monitors at different points, but the students who are late miss this guidance
 - Howard Elementary and Middle School bus riders are most impacted
 - Jackson County and MPO are working on the Active Transportation Plan
 - Working to determine the backbone network of high-quality walking and biking facilities that connect different activity centers in the region
 - There was a large inventory task, documenting the network, and then prioritizing facilities
 - How these networks overlap with transit will be a consideration in prioritization
 - Comment: When facilities separate bikes from vehicles, it often creates a facility that is pedestrian-friendly and that creates a bike vs ped environment