



Greater MN Transit Provider Advisory Committee (GMTPAC)

Mn/DOT Conference Center, St. Cloud

Tuesday, January 18, 2011

Mn/DOT Staff: *Mike Schadauer, Tom Gottfried, Sarah Lenz, Charles Morris, Keven Anderson*

Advisory Committee: *Cathleen Amick Community Transit, Mark Anderson Mankato Transit, Chad Gessel RiverRider Public Transit, Tony Kellen St. Cloud Metro Bus, Jack Larson Arrowhead Transit, Greg Negard Paul Bunyan Transit, Amy Repinski Three Rivers Hiawathaland Transit, Daryn Toso Transit Alternatives.*

Call to Order:

Tom Gottfried called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm.

Scope and intent of the Greater Mn Transit Providers Advisory Committee (GMTPAC)

Tom G. informed the group that the Office of Transit plans to use this advisory group in the same manner as several other departments in Mn/DOT. The intent is to use the GMTPAC where practical to discuss a variety of current issues and future directions with regard to a number of activities including the administration and operations of the public transit programs. The goal of the staff and operators within the group is to share ideas, get feedback, and hopefully develop consensus around issues that arise and possible future directions in the transit programs.

2011 and 2012 Program Budget, based Nov 2010 MVST MMB Forecast

Mike S. gave an update on legislative issues. It is anticipated there may be some significant cuts with state general funds for Greater Minnesota. More will become known as MMB releases the February forecast and bills begin to move and be heard in the session. Tony K. commented that MPTA has been busy and has a goal of keeping general fund cuts to no more than 10-15 percent.

Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Reporting

Keven A. gave a presentation on ideas for changing the current method of vehicle maintenance reporting in the PTA system. There was additional feedback with regard to complications with number of vehicle entries and staff time involved, and splitting out of overhead and fixed costs. There was discussion of what constitutes oversight and the ways in which that could be accomplished. There were concerns that a decision be made prior to the requirement for January's data to be entered. Tom G. agreed to take back the suggestions and agreed to have a final determination for the next meeting.

Annual Application Service Design

Sarah L. presented a sample service design scenario for Duluth using PTA. It was concluded that many systems find PTA workable for entering service designs but many do not, especially urban systems. Suggestions included providing more flexibility for entering days of service by the differing weekdays, service hour timeframes or transit days that flow past midnight, total hours, total costs, and route revenues. Tom agreed to take back the groups suggestions and look at ways to increase flexibility of entering the data as required.

Future Topics and Advisory Committee Schedule

It was decided the next meeting could be held at Mn/DOT Central Office on the last Thursday of February. Future topics could include feedback for spring and PTA application workshops and other as topics as they arise.