

**MEETING NOTES
CAPITAL AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT COORDINATION COMMITTEE (RTCC)
MEETING**

**One Texas Center, Room 325
505 Barton Springs Road
Austin, Texas**

November 18, 2008 – 2PM – 4PM

Attendees: David Fowler, Hector Vera, Vanessa Sarria, Joyce Lauck, Dave Marsh, Katy Hutchins, Jackie McLaughlin, John Meinkowsky, Dave Bartels, Paul Hamilton, Joe Cantalupo, Meredith Highsmith, Joe Holland, Bill Hamilton, Andrea Hall, Patty Oppel

Meeting Convened: 2:10pm

Action: Approve RTCC Quarterly Meeting Calendar for 2009

- Committee discussed dates for future meetings and locations. 12 potential dates were proposed; however, the OTC 325 meeting location will not be available for any of them. Bill Hamilton suggested looking at other meeting locations, including the Boards & Commissions room at City Hall, and possible room at the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce. M. Highsmith will follow up with meeting locations.
- A motion was made by J. Holland for the 1st Tuesday of the month for all RTCC meetings; V. Sarria seconded the motion.
- The selected dates for 2009 RTCC meetings are as follows: Feb. 3, May 5, Aug. 4, Nov. 3.
- M. Highsmith will post these dates online as well as the dates and locations for 2010.

Review report from Sept 26th Public Transportation Forum and identify immediate next steps

- M. Highsmith reviewed comments for committee. The ultimate goal is to ensure that everyone's voice is heard on the document as it was at the September forum.
- Comments are due back on the report by Friday, November 21st.
- M. Highsmith will send out attendance list within the next week.
- A request was made for Ms. Cherrington (TTI) to present RTCC goals based on the forum input at the February 3, 2009 RTCC meeting.
- B. Hamilton brought up the fact that we need to begin working on any legislative issues ASAP for the 2009 session.
- V. Sarria brought up interest in establishing a long-term model for RTCC; and its relation to CAMPO's Transit Working Group. D. Marsh commented that RTCC could potentially be a subset to the TWG, and V. Sarria mentioned coordinating RTCC's workplan with that of the TWG.

- B. Hamilton suggested focusing on the short-term between now and February: Ms. Cherrington laid out various models (state vs. regional), that might be applicable to RTCC.
- RTCC wants to ensure that timing is appropriate for future boundaries expansion, and J. Cantalupo mentioned the relationship w/rural counties (TxDOT to develop future rural MPOs? Possible for potential for urbanized & rural groups—where would the RTCC plug in?)

Review CAMPO staff recommendations for urbanized area JARC/NF funding and authorize RTCC Chair to sign a letter of support:

- J. Cantalupo gave a presentation on the JARC/NF selection process, and the details of the applications. December 08 is the presentation to the board, January 09 is the public hearing, and February 09 will be the CAMPO board decision.
- The total funds available from 07-09 is \$1,507,300. JARC: \$957,200, NF: \$550,100
- The four applications total \$1,447,843 (Easter Seals, Foundation for the Homeless, City of Round Rock, CARTS).
- There was no scoring or ranking; CARTS amended their application for 2 yrs instead of 3, so that all applicants could receive funding for their projects.
- J. Meinkowsky asked if there was differentiation btwn JARC & NF applicants. J. Cantalupo clarified that all applications met the integrity of cost ratios. V. Sarria suggested “technical assistance” for future applicants on behalf of the RTCC for those interested in pursuing JARC/NF grants. J. Holland emphasized the importance that applicants are educated. J. Cantalupo stated concerns that we have a larger applicant pool in the future.
- H. Vera made a motion to approve a letter of support in favor of the JARC/NF grant applicants. J. Lauck seconded the motion.
- Vote: 10—in favor, 2—abstain, 1—against
- A. Hall will draft letter for signature.

Review RTCC final report & update on work plan progress

- D. Fowler gave update on work plan progress on behalf of CAPCOG. Will present the “product” of research at the Feb. 3rd meeting, and will give direction on things for RTCC to work on in 2009.
- CAPCOG is looking for comments for action on their production timeline; will take comments for Tech Sub meeting.
- CAMPO provided general comments for the 2009 legislative session:
 - NCTCOG proposal: local option tax ability
 - 3 MPOs in the Valley have the ability to collect add'l funding in vehicle registration fees
 - Would these options potentially work for the CenTX (RTCC) region?
- D. Fowler will provide drafts of the document for all, and will send out progress outline for potential adoption in Feb.

Other Business

- M. Highsmith announced a Tech Sub meeting will take place in December or January to prepare for 2009; to include legislative items for discussion and 2009 work plan. Potential dates will follow soon.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm