

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

August 14, 2007– 2 PM

1. Introductions

Bill Hamilton, Chair called the meeting to order and committee members and other attendants provided introductions. See attached attendance list.

2. Appoint New Member.

The committee discussed the existing vacancy for Public Transit User, and David Foster introduced himself as a potential candidate to fill the position. David is an avid public transit user and also a member of several advocacy groups including the Austin Alliance For Public Transit. Dave Marsh moved approval of David Foster to fill the vacancy. Sean Moran seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Presentation on Green Ride Ridesharing Program.

David Donohue from Green Ride made a presentation on the Green Ride Ridesharing program and web portal. CAPCOG, CAMPO, and the Alamo Area Council of Governments have contracted with Green Ride through an interlocal agreement to develop a ride sharing internet portal for the Greater Austin-San Antonio Corridor “www.rivercityrideshare.com”. This web application allows users to log on and identify potential carpool matches. The application can also be expanded to provide links to public transit and other transportation options, and allows for development of specific branded portals where employees of a particular company could find ride matches among candidates who also work for that employer. The group discussed the opportunities and constraints related to expanding the site to include transit agency data. Several members of the group also expressed interest in exploring use of the site by health and human service providers to identify shared rides for their clients where appropriate. The RTCC will continue to monitor development and expansion of the application and individual agencies can pursue agreements to expand functionality of the site as desired.

4. Presentation on Other New Web Tools

Sean Moran from Capital Area Council of Governments presented two new web tools:

- Census Bureau “LED” on the Map.

<http://lehdmap2.did.census.gov/themap/>

This mapping tool allows a user to analyze the location of workers in a region by employment site and household location, based on nationally-collected workforce data. The data is useful for determining potential origins and destinations for workforce-based transportation services.

Sean Moran offered to provide individual assistance to those wishing more information on how to use the application.

- Walkscore Walkability Index. <http://www.walkscore.com/>
This new tool allows a user to find out the walkability index of a particular location based on various factors.

5. Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom Grant Programs

Stevie Greathouse provided an overview of the application and timeline for applying for 2006 and 2007 FTA Job Access-Reverse Commute and New Freedom funding available to the urbanized area. CAMPO is holding several pre-application workshops over the next several weeks, with applications due by 5pm October 31, 2007.

6. Community Action Network (CAN) Transportation Focus Group Results and July 27 Transportation Forum

Vanessa Sarria and Brenda Ahrns from CAN presented the results of a series of CAN-sponsored transportation focus groups and provided a briefing on the Transportation Forum that CAN held on July 27 to inform its partners of upcoming transportation grants, and next steps for better coordinating human services transportation with public transit. The RTCC will strive to provide an on-going forum for collaborative discussion between human service providers and public transit planners and agencies.

7. Support Designation of RTCC as a CAN Issue Area Group

CAN has approved Transportation as a major cross-cutting issue to focus on. Rather than develop an additional group that includes many of the same members as the RTCC, CAN has invited the RTCC to apply for designation as an Issue Area Group. The group discussed the pros and cons of such designation. Stevie Greathouse offered to develop the requisite paperwork and reports if the RTCC became an issue area group. Sean Moran introduced a motion to support designation of the RTCC as a CAN Issue Area Group. Dave Marsh introduced a friendly amendment to clarify that the RTCC was not subrogating its authority to CAN in any way, and the amendment to the motion was accepted. Paul Hamilton approved the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with Vanessa Sarria abstaining from the vote.

8. Status Report on Work Program Implementation

Stevie Greathouse provided a brief status report on implementation of the Work Program. She indicated that CAPCOG and CAMPO were moving forward to develop an agreement that would allow CAPCOG to hire an intern to move forward on development of the existing conditions report and other work under Goal 2: Overcoming Jurisdiction Boundaries. Dave Marsh also described work moving forward to allow a formal interline relationship with CARTS and intercity busses. This will allow users to book a trip to a final destination outside of the region through CARTS.

9. Public Comment. No one requested to speak.

11. Adjourn. Next Meeting: November 20, 2007, 2-4pm, One Texas Center Room 325