

Capital Area RTCC Annual Work Program May 2007-May 2008

The focus areas identified below are intended to represent emphasis areas for regional transit coordination in the Capital Area over the upcoming year; however, various agencies may undertake other work related to implementation of the Regional Transportation Coordination Plan during this time period. Throughout the year, the RTCC will be provided with status reports on work occurring under the focus areas, as well as work occurring under other action items.

Focus Area # 1: Involve stakeholders and the public in public transportation coordination.

Relationship to Plan: Plan calls for continued involvement by stakeholders and the public in all implementation and coordination activities.

Methods:

- Quarterly RTCC Meetings
- RTCC Website
- E-Notification to Stakeholders Database
- Press Releases
- Speakers Bureau
- Articles in Newsletters
- Contact information through RTCC website

Point of Contact: Stevie Greathouse, CAMPO

Focus Area # 2: Consider and Recommend Mechanisms to Overcome Jurisdictional and Boundary issues.

Relationship to Plan: Plan identifies this as Action Item #1; (GIS analysis is also covered under Action Item #14.)

Methods:

- Analyze existing conditions through:
 - Review of data gathered during 2006 planning process
 - Agency Interviews
 - Regulatory and Fiscal Research
 - GIS Analysis and Mapping
- Identify possible solutions based on existing conditions
- Develop a report for endorsement by RTCC
- Identify strategies for follow-up/implementation

Points of Contact: Stevie Greathouse, CAMPO; Sean Moran, CAPCOG

Focus Area # 3: Investigate Feasibility of Single Point Consumer Access

Relationship to Plan: Plan identifies this as Action Item #2; (Ride sharing and flexible trip scheduling is identified under Action Item #15.)

Methods:

- Investigate feasibility of 511 service
- Continue to explore the feasibility of other tools including Google Transit
- Coordinate with "Green Ride" Program
 - This customer-focused ride matching website is being developed for the Austin-San Antonio area in cooperation with AACOG, and would provide an easy ride-matching service for users that could be expanded to include employment site portals, and access to fixed route transit information.
- Develop a report for endorsement by RTCC with specific implementation actions.

Points of Contact: Dave Marsh, CARTS; Edna Johnson, CARTS;

Focus Area # 4: Expand Network of Shared Stops, Transfer Points, and Park and Ride Opportunities

Relationship to Plan: Plan identifies this as Action Item #3.

- As transit expands in the region, Capital Metro will coordinate ongoing and future planning processes with CARTS, Texas State, and other transit providers.
- Identify opportunities for shared stops as they arise.
- Utilize quarterly RTCC meetings for identifying additional prospects for coordination.
- Explore opportunities to offer access to future facilities for transit providers

Point of Contact: Meredith Highsmith, Capital Metro; Dave Marsh, CARTS;

Focus Area # 5: Coordinate Formal Rural Transit and Intercity Bus Interline Relationships

Relationship to Plan: Plan identifies this as Action Item #5.

Methods:

- Plan for launch of an intercity bus project in June 2008 that will interline two new CARTS intercity routes to the national intercity network. One route will connect Marble Falls, Burnet, Liberty Hill, Leander and Cedar Park to Round

Rock interlining with national intercity services there, with intermediate connections to the Capital Metro Leander Park-n-Ride facility. A second route will operate on the IH35 corridor from the CARTS Georgetown Station to the CARTS San Marcos Station with intermediate service to the Capital Metro Tech Ridge facility, CARTS Round Rock Station, the Austin Greyhound Station, and Kyle-Buda. Passengers riding these routes, or shipping freight or packages, would be able to purchase one ticket from points on the route to anywhere in the United States the national intercity network travels.

Point of Contact: Dave Marsh, CARTS; Edna Johnson, CARTS

Focus Area # 6: Select projects to be funded with Job Access Reverse Commute/ New Freedom funding available to urbanized area

Relationship to Plan: SAFETEA-LU (Federal Transportation Authorization) requires that projects for these programs be "derived from" the regional transportation coordination plan.

Methods:

- Develop a competitive selection process, grant application, and instructional materials with input from RTCC
- Provide special information and outreach to potential applicants through RTCC, Speakers Bureau, and events such as a CAN-sponsored forum
- Work with Capital Metro to finalize a grant application and process that meets all applicable federal guidelines and issue a call for projects in August
- Develop a ranked list of projects based on scoring
- RTCC develops a recommendation
- Present ranked project list and RTCC recommendation to CAMPO Transportation Policy Board

Point of Contact: Stevie Greathouse, CAMPO.

Focus Area # 7: Identify Additional Issues For Legislative Consideration

Relationship to Plan: Several action items called for under the plan relate to constraints that may require action at the state level.

Methods:

- Identify barriers and constraints that require state level action
- Compile list of barriers and constraints for submission to TxDOT-PTN

Point of Contact: Stevie Greathouse, CAMPO.