

Minutes of May 11, 2021
Mid-State Regional Coordinating Council (RCC) Meeting
 Zoom

Attendees	
Terri Paige, CAPBMCI	Tom Schamberg, Town of Wilmot (Chair)
Dean Williams, CNHRPC	Cindy Yanski, Mobility Manager (CAPBMCI)
Sara O'Dougherty, GSIL	
Molly Notkin, Gilford Senior Resource Team	
Tamera Carmichael, Partnership for Public Health	
Roger Vachon, Engaging NH	

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair T. Schamberg called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm and everyone present introduced themselves. It was determined that a quorum was in place.

2. Review and approve the minutes of the November 11th RCC meeting

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the February 9th RCC meeting.

m/s/approved T. Schamberg/D. Williams

3. Presentation: Katie Nelson, CNHRPC “CommuteSmart NH TDM Software

Katie Nelson of the Central NH Regional Planning Commission representing CommuteSmart NH gave the Council a presentation of the GoMaine.org and Go! Vermont TDM websites to explain the capabilities of the new TDM (Transportation Demand Management) software CommuteSmartNH is in the process of purchasing. One benefit of the TDM software is the trip planning tools where ALL transit options for the entire state could/would be listed on one website.

Who and what is CommuteSmart NH? From their website at Commutesmartnh.org: “CSNH is dedicated to encouraging and assisting people to choose sustainable transportation options in place of driving single occupancy vehicles. Partners actively support the development and provision of strategies and policies to reduce travel demand across the state including walking, bicycling, carpooling, telecommuting and using public transportation.

CommuteSmart New Hampshire (CSNH) is a partnership between the state’s regional planning commissions, state agencies, and various non-profit transportation-oriented programs, working in collaboration with transit providers and businesses.”

4. Funding Updates

a. FY 2022-2023 FTA Section 5310 RCC Formula Projects – updated due to FTWA flex funds CAPBMCI

As was explained at our February meeting, NHDOT is offering program funds to be flexed to encourage regions that don’t have Mobility Managers to hire one. The funding will not require a local match but can only be used for Mobility Management. CAPBMCI plans to use the funds for the existing Mid State RCC Mobility Manager position. Each smaller region received \$50,000 with the Regions 8 & 10 receiving \$65,000. CAPBMCI modified their 5310 budget to move Mobility Manager funding to fund additional services.

A motion was made to approve the updated application for FY 2022-2023 5310 program funds of \$261,746 for each of the two years. Cindy will send the updated application and invoice with the meeting minutes. Approved unanimously.

m/s/approved R. Vachon/M. Notkin

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b. Taxi Voucher Program\expansion

Cindy opened the discussion about the potential of expanding the Taxi Voucher Program beyond its current pilot program with MCDOC to open it to all eligible individuals in Region 3. The idea was met with general positive feedback. D. Williams offered to meet with Cindy to help work out details of the program.

c. Additional funding updates

i. NADTC Innovations in Transportation Grant/Rebranding project

Cindy gave an update on the grant which officially ends May 31.

ii. NRTAP Community Rides Grant

Cindy gave a brief overview of the additional grant application CAPBMCI submitted in partnership with CNHRPC. This grant is requesting funding for three smaller projects incorporated into one full package designed to assist all demographics including drivers and non-drivers. The project plan is to update the MidStateRCC and the Concord Area Transit websites by incorporating tools such as online service applications, web-based bus fare and taxi voucher purchases, complete traveler information, trip planning and ride-share matching tools for all modes of transportation. Using these online tools and the insights received from the data from searches on the sites, we will encourage commuter ride-share and establish a vanpool initiative with monetary incentives.

5. Regional Mobility Manager Update
SFY 2021 FTA Section 5310 RCC Projects Update

6. Any other business

7. Future Meeting Schedule

The next meeting is scheduled for October 12th.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.