

RCC Region 4 Meeting 4/16/24

In attendance (in person): Candy Reed (Region 4 Mobility Manager), Teri Palmer (State Mobility Manager), Tim Josephson* (UVLSRPC), Nancy Meyer* (City of Claremont), Keith Thibault* (SCS), Elyse Crossman* (Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce), Jim Contois* (Claremont resident)

Zoom: Taralyn Bielaski* (Greater Sullivan County Public Health Council, DHMC), Beth Daniels (SCS)

*voting member

1. Welcome and introductions
 - a. Meeting began at 1:48PM to wait for an in-person quorum
2. Approve meeting minutes of Dec 19, 2023 and Feb 20, 2024
 - a. Tim moves to approve Dec 19 minutes, Elise seconded
 - b. Tim moves to approve Feb 20 minutes, Elise seconded
 - i. Both approved unanimously – roll call (6-0)
3. Mobility Management Update
 - a. Vote on RCC Bylaws as written – no changes were made
 - i. Motion to approve bylaws made by Tim, seconded by Elise
 - ii. Roll call vote – approved 6-0
 - b. Vote of proposal funds from SCS to statewide initiative
 - i. Beth spoke to this – we have an opportunity to transfer these funds to support the statewide website that’s being developed.
 - ii. Teri had a conversation with Alliya about this – updates – some other regions also have a little funding they want to contribute. Steps: region go through the body (RCC), then the RCC/lead agency can pay directly by invoice and the process would be just like if any of these other projects were sending an invoice to the lead agency. Only thing to notate, going towards Agile Mile or Trillium. Region 3 is paying for the gap on the Trillium and one month (maybe 2) of Agile Mile. What Region 4 can do. Talked to Mike Tardiff in CNHRPC, he’s working with Agile Mile (software for KeepNHMoving website -- \$2600/month). We use it but all of New England uses it too, can coordinate and talk to the entire New England region. That being said, we have a gap paying for Agile Mile. Option 1 would be 6 months of Agile Mile directly to them. Option 2: paying for “telling our story” – reach out to someone who could write an article, pay in advance, and have them push that transportation story in the state. Option 3: newspaper ads or radio spots if invoice comes in by May 31.
Consensus seems to be that Option 1 with Agile Mile would be the simplest option. Elise asked if any existing projects could use the money, but the window for adding money to existing projects has closed. No new proposals. Tim moves to approve Option 1 – Agile Mile pre-payment for almost 10 months. Elise seconded. Passed unanimously 6-0-0
 - c. Beth has to go soon, but wanted to let people know that next meeting she will bring the 5310 Budget to the group for review and RCC approval for programs beginning on July 1.

- d. Month of May Commute Smart challenge
 - i. Anything transportation-related goes out to the entire state there
 - ii. WellnessLink also has a calendar in the regions
 - iii. You can win gift cards!
- e. Candy will be participating this weekend in the Claremont Senior Center Golden Years Resource Expo
 - i. Sullivan County Transportation will have a bus there, lots of resources for senior citizens
 - ii. See flyer
- f. KeepNH Moving Website
 - i. Teri showed off the new website
 - ii. Promoting carshares, rideshares. ZipCar (for example).
 - iii. You can set a trip and it will show you all your options. MMs will be able to put in the driver/carshare/volunteer info.
 - iv. Learn More...brings you to SCS website with info on cost, how to get there, etc.
 - v. Ways to travel – so if you know you want to take train, you look by that; if you want a carpool, you look at that, etc. Can look by town, transit type, region, cost, accessibility, etc.
 - vi. Future Forward – projects are listed like Mobility Management Plan, Transit Plans, etc. MMs can add a blog. About us – this is where the regional info is. Also Statewide Coordinating Council info
 - vii. RCC Meeting minutes will be there
 - viii. Maps with towns as well, duties of RCC, etc.
 - ix. Will be a tab for state-level projects
 - x. Taralyn: when will this be ready for public? Teri: there are backend issues that the website developer is working on. This was supposed to be live now, but the agency is working on getting it live now.
- g. Set goals from last meeting
 - i. Candy sent out an email earlier this year asking all members what they thought about goals
 - 1. Coordination between RCC and local SAUs on helping transit for kids experiencing homelessness
 - 2. More publicity for Volunteer Driver Programs in Sullivan County
 - 3. Recruit from other communities not currently members
 - 4. Expand engagement with communities that have high transit needs that are not being met currently
 - 5. Increased ridership on local transit, i.e. potential expansion of Lebanon Bus hours
 - ii. Talking about membership – some people have said that the MOU had too many expectations – is this your experience? (room said no)
 - 1. It's just about helping to find transportation solutions in the region – not heavy handed.

2. What other people need to be added to this group? Who are we missing?
 3. when we start working on the workplan, we can add our goals and then pair them with the partners we have
 4. bring this back to the next meeting in June
4. Taralyn, Beth and Elise had to leave at 2:30
5. Statewide Mobility Management update
 - a. Ten Year Plan is being worked on now, including \$2.2m funding for transportation projects and not until after 2027, but it might be there
 - b. Meeting with Healthcare Task Force, trying to meet in May in person to set their goals
 - c. Fred Butler at NHDOT and Teri, their goal is to gather data from hospital association about how many missed appointments at hospitals due to transportation
 - d. Working with Endowment for Health – funding through McKenzie Scott Foundation – looking at statewide innovative transportation projects. Some projects have already been denied, but we will hold onto those projects for the right funder. J&S Auto not likely, but Bike Voucher might. Continuing to work on this initiative
 - e. SCC annual report is in its draft form, still waiting on some more information before it's approved
 - f. Teri and Candy are going to the Transit Retreat in May in Erie, PA – how to start mobility management in your area, etc. Going to West Palm Beach national conference for Mobility Management in the summer
 - g. May 1, participating in TriState Learning Collaborative w/Maine VT plus Mass
 - h. Annual meeting in June – open to the public, details released soon
 - i. Health Equity Summit in Meredith also coming up – will share information
6. Member and Partner updates:
 - a. Jim gave an update on the 4H program – they have bikes to give away. Candy and Zavia (?) had a really good conversation about their process – now via a voucher application and they are getting lots of donations so they can afford to be selective with what they take. Popup on Saturday in Newport – also 2 more this summer. The bike repair stands we approved for them – one is going to be at the VoTech in Claremont and one will be at the new Newport Rec Center when it's done.
 - b. Teri gave an update – Carrol County Recycled will receive \$ from Senator Shaheen's office (inmate bike repair program). They are going one step further and looking at entrepreneurship with fixing bikes – we will see how this goes. Candy and Teri had a great conversation with Sullivan County on the same program, but Candy got an email saying no (even though we had funding). Unsure if new Superintendent has an interest in this program.
 - c. Jim: I got on this RCC as a councilor – I went to the mayor to tell him to get another person from the city council to represent them here
 - d. Jim: Youth transportation – Oasis – teen shelter here, and Shay Harris would know about youth transportation so talk to her. Candy is aware but agrees it's important. Teri: homeless youth need transportation and they are overlooked in this state, as

are disabled. Tim said that before/after school programs have no transportation and that shuts those kids out of those crucial opportunities

- e. Jim: Amtrak – thousands of people coming through Claremont each year. On Amtrak, there are lots of non-English speakers arriving but don't know how to get around – they think they are going to call Uber which isn't here. Some of the volunteers at the train station are realizing this is a problem and the volunteers end up driving them to their final destination (New London, for example). Candy had a conversation with Sharon and Yoshi – just getting people from Amtrak to center of Claremont is an issue. Candy currently updating mobility management reference guide updated and she leaves those at the bus/train stations. Nancy suggested electric bikes to rent – Teri and Candy said that's in the works. Also working to making the rail trail ADA accessible

Adjourned at 3:05pm