



**Wright Office Complex, Suite 1
9601 Wright Drive
Midland, TX**

**Wednesday, August 10, 2016, 11:30am – 1:00pm
(Lunch will be provided)**

MEETING AGENDA

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| 1.) Call Meeting to Order | |
| 2.) Public Comments & Introductions | DISCUSSION ITEM |
| 3.) Review/Approve Minutes for July 6, 2016 | ACTION ITEM |
| 4.) Approval of the Comprehensive Needs Assessment | ACTION ITEM |
| 5.) Call for Pilot Projects – Opening this fall | DISCUSSION ITEM |
| 6.) Transportation Workshop Ideas/Suggestions | DISCUSSION ITEM |
| 7.) Citizen Advisory Committee | DISCUSSION ITEM |
| 8.) Stakeholder Updates | DISCUSSION ITEM |
| 9.) Future Discussions and Important Dates | DISCUSSION ITEM |
| 10.) Adjourn | ACTION ITEM |

Agenda Item No. 3 ACTION ITEM

July 6, 2016 Minutes

Stakeholders Present

Patricia Albarado
Rina Bale
Mike Bates
Bert Beall
Michael Black
Megan Davis
Soeli Erazo
Ashley Ervine
Karen Faulkner
Eric Garcia
Jenny Gibson
Alfredo Gonzales
Deanne Hamilton
Audriana Prieto
Gary Redwine
Gabriela Reyes
Regina Swafford
Sunshine Thompson
Cameron Walker
Sohnna Williams

Organization Representing

Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities
Permian Basin MPO
Advocate for individuals with disabilities/ABLE Center Board Member
All Aboard America
Permian Basin Community Centers MHMR
PEN Project
Texas 2-1-1
Maximus
West Texas Opportunities, Inc.
TxDOT – Lubbock District
West Texas Opportunities, Inc.
TxDOT – Odessa District
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ABLE Center
Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Crisis Intervention Unit – Midland County Sheriff’s Department
Aging and Disability Resource Center
Ector County Veterans’ Services
Permian Basin MPO
Aging and Disability Resource Center

AGENDA ITEM

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting of the Regionally Coordinated Transportation Planning committee was called to order at 11:37 a.m. by Rina Bale.

2. Public Comment & Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

3. Review/Approve June 8, 2016 Minutes

A motion was made by Gary Redwine and seconded by Sohnna Williams to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2016 RCTP meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Presentation by Midland County Crisis Intervention Unit

Gabriela Reyes gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the responsibilities of the Crisis Intervention Unit and their role in providing transportation. They are a part of the Midland County Sheriff’s Office and must be dispatched by the officer’s at the scene or can be called out by citizens. They are a small staff of two and 31 citizen volunteers to assist in crisis management. Transportation can be provided in most situations regardless if crime is involved. Volunteers can attend training beginning the second week of September and is on Tuesdays and Thursdays for six-weeks. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Gabriela.

5. Comprehensive Needs Assessment

Information from the brainstorming session at the May RCTP meeting and the transportation surveys is contained within the Comprehensive Needs Assessment. Rina is now working on the Agency Surveys which will be included as well. She is currently interviewing agencies and assisting in completing the surveys for inclusion in the Comprehensive Needs Assessment. She requested the committee members who have not met with her, please set up an appointment as soon as possible.

6. Transportation Workshop Ideas/Suggestions

At the May brainstorming meeting, the committee indicated that outreach and education should be top priorities when establishing how to meet the communities' transportation needs. A member previously suggested the hosting of a transportation workshop to inform prospective customers of the mobility options available. Alfredo Gonzales suggested that mobility management aspect will be key in determining what kind of training/education clients need. Other entities that have mobility management programs can partner up with the MPO to reach a broader population.

The discussion was opened and the following is a list of comments and suggestions made:

- Open to the public but also have information for agencies
- Opportunities for travel training and discussing mobility options
- Invite large employers of the region to discuss possible partnerships
- Increase transportation awareness
- Hire a consultant to assist with planning
- Keynote speaker/presentations
- Provide lunch/snacks
- Invite food trucks
- Get with Mobility Unlimited and DARS for planning
- Have transit provider vehicles on display
- Need to "tell the story"
- Include interactive maps
- Break-out sessions with a moderator/expert
- Have a transportation expo displaying lots of buses
- Speakers on safety including TxDOT and transit employees
- Ask for sponsorships (HEB)
- Should invite oil companies, colleges, UTPB, medical organizations
- Provide special rates for transportation to the event
- Should provide information for all types of disabilities
- Location possibilities: Horseshoe, Coliseum, CEED, Chaps Center or Odessa College, Grande or Ratliff Stadium
- Plan for spring 2017

7. Citizen Advisory Committee

The next two CAC meetings will be held in two weeks. The Odessa meeting will be on July 19 from 3:00pm – 4:00pm at the 2-1-1 conference room. The second meeting will be at the Midland Shared Spaces conference room from 2:30pm – 3:30pm on July 21. Fliers were available for agencies to take to share with clients/coworkers.

8. Stakeholder Updates

2-1-1 Texas

Soeli Erazo – Always looking for new resources for database; interested agencies can talk to Martha about inclusion into the database.

ABLE Center

Audirana Prieto – Volunteers are needed for the Texas Ramp Project.

Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities:

Mike Bates – Thankful for the Recording Library of West Texas who records half of the books in the state; is recording a 30-minutes weekly show called “Blessed with Blindness” that airs on Tuesdays at 11am on closed circuit radio given out by the Recording Library.

Patricia Albarado – Uncle has gifted her a car; Mobility Unlimited and DARS are assisting with adapting the car for wheelchair accessibility.

Aging and Disability Resource Center:

Sohnna Williams – Going to attend a health fair in Winkler County on Sept. 24

All Aboard America

Bert Beall – No updates

Crisis Intervention Unit, Midland County Sheriffs’ Office:

Gabriela Reyes – No updates

Ector County Veterans’ Services

Sunshine Thompson – The Chris Kyle memorial will be unveiled on July 28 at 11am

EZ-Rider

Rob Stephens – Will attend the Bus Rodeo in Lubbock in April 2017

Maximus

Ashley Ervine – No updates

PEN Project

Megan Davis – Workshop on July 19 for parents to get the 504 paperwork in order in preparation for their children to begin school. Fliers will be sent out.

Permian Basin MPO:

Cameron Walker – Requested attendees complete the I-20 survey for the I-20 corridor study; there will be public meetings in September. Currently working with Midland County for a northeast corridor study; east/west thoroughfare is needed.

RCTP:

Rina Bale – Meeting with agencies to get surveys filled out; working on preparations for Citizen Advisory Committee meetings; attended ABLE Center’s Open House; will be on vacation all next week.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice:

Gary Redwine – No updates

TxDOT:

Alfredo Gonzales – Texas Transportation Commission meeting last month to consider coordinated call projects voted to award \$4.7 million to WTO, Inc., All Aboard America, and EZ-Rider. There are still some issues with eGrants but working through them as quickly as possible; semi-annual meeting is in Austin on July 19 and 20.

Eric Garcia – Available opportunities in eGrants for agencies to apply for funding

West Texas Opportunities:

Jenny Gibson – Getting ready for coordinated call; working on next phase of Odessa facility

8. Future Discussions & Meeting Dates

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. The Comprehensive Needs Assessment will need to be approved and discussions will continue on the transportation workshop.

9. Adjourn

A motion was made by Regina Swafford and seconded by Audriana Prieto to adjourn at 1:02 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 4 DISCUSSION ITEM

The committee will review and approve the Comprehensive Needs Assessment. The document is due to TxDOT by August 31.

Agenda Item No. 5 DISCUSSION ITEM

Coming this fall, TxDOT will open a Call for Pilot Projects. The following details have been released:

- Applications should open about November and will be due around March 2017
- This is a competitive grant but any eligible applicant may apply
- Amount not determined yet
- Looking for projects that will meet one of the top priorities of the updated Regional Plan
- More information to be distributed once it becomes available

Agenda Item No. 6 DISCUSSION ITEM

Several suggestions were made about having a Transportation Workshop in the Midland/Odessa area. The committee will continue discussions on this workshop and will start gathering information/suggestions on how to organize an event like this.

Agenda Item No. 7 DISCUSSION ITEM

An update will be given to the committee regarding the last two Citizen Advisory Committee meeting that were held in Odessa and Midland on July 19 and 21.

Agenda Item No. 8 STAKEHOLDER UPDATES

Stakeholders will provide updates on events, projects, funding, needs, achievements, etc.

Agenda Item No. 9 FUTURE DISCUSSIONS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Next RCTP meeting will be September 14, 2016.

In September, we will begin discussions on the 2017 Regional Plan update.

Agenda Item No. 10 ADJOURN