

Passenger Transportation Plan - Regional Planning Affiliate 1, UERPC
Transportation Advisory Group Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2017, 9:00 a.m. - 325 Washington Street, Decorah, Iowa

Present: Sam Castro (NEICAC Transit), Michelle Barness (UERPC), Spiff Slifka (Howard Co. Business and Tourism), and Rachelle Howe (UERPC)

1. Meeting called to order at 9:15 a.m.
2. Notes from the January meeting were reviewed.
3. Attendees discussed the possibility of initiating lending libraries on EARL Regional Transit buses. Questions were raised regarding the design of these libraries within the buses. Slifka shared information regarding how books might be attained, funding for the initiative, etc.
4. Attendees discussed the 2017 Transportation Summit, and reviewed a summit worksheet that Planner Barness had provided prior to the meeting.

Howe shared the response from the Northeast Iowa Business Network (NIBN) group regarding the summit. They are in support of it but won't be able to lend funding support. They agreed on the list of target groups for the summit and the date of the summit. They also suggested TAG consider formatting the summit to allow for best practice discussions and small breakaway groups for brainstorming. They raised recent housing summits as an example for this, whereby all agencies and stakeholders are invited to the summit and have an opportunity to present on what they're doing.

Barness will send out information on planning for the summit to the TAG group, and will initiate contact with specific TAG members to enroll their help in connecting with regional stakeholders for the summit.

5. Barness shared information on the 2018 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) with the group. There were no comments or recommendations for changes to the draft TPWP.
6. Due to time constraints, meeting attendees agreed to defer discussion of the Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP) update until the next meeting.
7. Committee members set the next TAG meeting for Friday May 19th at UERPC in Decorah. The meetings will be held at 9 am.
8. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.