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## Meeting Minutes - Approved ADA TRANSIT SUBCOMMITTEE TO THE TRANSIT AND PARKING COMM

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Wednesday, October 15, 2008

5:10 PM  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. (City-County Building), Room  
103A - Clerk's Office Conference Room

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Guest: Rex Owens  
Staff: Crystal Martin

Present: 7 -

Tim Gruber; Carl D. Durocher; William J. Tangney; Jeanne M. Tregoning;  
Susan M. De Vos; Mary E. Jacobs and James Cobb

Absent: 1 -

Michael A. Huckaby

Excused: 1 -

Ida W. Nathan

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. DuRocher moved to approve the September 10, 2008 minutes; Mr. Tangney seconded. The motion carried passed by voice vote/other.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### 4. [12280](#)

Meeting Date for Combined November & December Meeting

Mr. Tangney moved to affirm the December 10th meeting date. Alder Gruber seconded. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A schedule of the 2009 meeting dates was passed out.

### 5. [12281](#)

Duplication of Services Plan Update

a. Doug Hunt, Dane County Human Services

**Attachments:** [Duplication of Services from DCHS for ADATS Report 04 08.pdf](#)

Doug Hunt, Dane County Human Services, provided an update to the County's

plan presented at the April 2008 ADA TS meeting. At that time, he had asked for a delay in implementing negotiated trip times to common destinations with County transportation programs until January 1st, 2009. Mr. Hunt stated that ideally, the County would like to conform to standard where the County provides facility-based transportation and the City's paratransit service provides the community based trips for supported employment. Since April, Mr. Hunt has met with each MARC center director with the purpose of identifying any mainline able individuals who are currently using Metro Plus or STS (the county's routed transportation to the centers) services and any trips to facility-base programs that could be redirected to community destinations. The results were less than hoped for in that not many people were identified as capable of moving to mainline services. Fifty-four of the riders cannot be re-directed. Also, there is no additional funding for STS services in 2009. It was determined on October 3rd that times would have to be negotiated.

Mr. Hunt stated that Ms. Martin has devised a form to initiate the process. Also, Norah Cashin, Dane County Human Services Transportation Manager, has submitted a grant request for New Freedom funds for a Mobility Management Program. Part of the grant will fund mobility training and bus route training.

Lastly, Mr. Hunt said that the county is going out to bid for the majority of its specialized transportation services in 2009. The STS part may be done in two parts. The first part would be for the costs of providing the current STS level of services and then a second part to see what the costs are to add the portion currently provided by Metro Plus.

Dr. Cobb what trips Mr. Hunt was talking about from the April report. Mr. Hunt stated that the riders that will have negotiated trips are included in Table #2 (275 riders per week). Dr. Cobb also asked if for people needing mobility training, case managers will bill waiver services? Mr. Hunt responded yes, but not for people in mental health programs.

Mr. Tangney asked if any of these rides are scheduled for the end of attendants' shifts. Could caregivers stay longer or ride with a riders on the fixed route bus? Mr. Hunt stated that to address staff costs, residential settings are not as cost effective as congregate settings. So, he would prefer to extend hours at the centers as opposed to residential settings. He does like the idea of staff riding on the bus, but costs or shared support may be an obstacle to implementing.

Ms. Martin stated that Metro had completed the first two meetings with facilities in close proximity, Opportunity Inc, 930 Stewart Street and RAC, 901 Post Road. The meetings were very positive and we hope to start before January 1st.

Mr. Owens stated that Care Wisconsin has used the same strategy to work around the same peak hour demands, and it has worked very well for them.

Ms. Brunette-Tregoning thinks this is very good and riding with caregivers is certainly preferable. Mr. Tangney brought up security concerns at the south transfer point. Ms. DeVos stated that the Metro budget for 2009 includes security for the transfer points. Ms. Jacobs asked about the possibility of a shuttle by Opportunity Inc going to the south transfer point. Mr. Hunt said that could be a possibility.

6. [12282](#) Resolution - MA Waiver Agreement 2009

Attachments: [MA Waiver Resolution 2009.pdf](#)

This resolution has been sent to the Common Council and referred for approval. It is a cooperative program with Dane County that Metro does every year and is a significant source of funding for the paratransit program.

Ms. DeVos asked Mr. Hunt about the possibility of bus passes for Waiver recipients. Mr. Hunt said that providing bus passes to waiver eligible riders would address the current dis-incentive to move from para-transit (currently at no cost to waiver participants) to mainline (which requires riders to purchase bus passes out of pocket), for those with the functional skills to make that transition. Ms. Martin said that in fact by virtue of the MA Common Carrier agreement, bus passes could be available to all Waiver recipients. Mr. Tangney asked if ADA paratransit eligibility could be tweaked to influence fixed route migration. Dr. Cobb stated that was a topic that could take a whole meeting. Ms. Jacobs said only a small number of people would be able to use both systems independently. Also, residential attendants are not generally available to ride with people because of shared support.

Mr. Tangney suggested that the discussion had gone off topic. Dr. Cobb: Point of Order.

Mr. Durocher moved MA Waiver Agreement 2009 for approval. Mr. Tangney seconded. Mr. Durocher stated that \$2.7 million for paratransit is a good deal for the City. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Dr. Cobb left the meeting.

7. [12283](#) Care Wisconsin Agreement 2009

Ms. Martin reported that Care Wisconsin and the City had productive progress in reaching an agreement for 2009 that would fund the paratransit trips supported by Medicaid through Care Wisconsin. It also has a fixed-route fare media component, so there will be an incentive for Care Wisconsin to promote migration to fixed route where possible. It is important to Care Wisconsin to start January 1, however this Subcommittee does not meet again until December, so Metro wanted to make sure the Subcommittee was apprised of the progress when the resolution is referred to the Transit and Parking Commission.

Mr. Durocher moved that the Subcommittee receive the update and encourage staff to continue. The report was very positive. Ms. Brunette-Tregoning seconded. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

8. [10785](#) Reports - Non-Action Items
- a. Transit & Parking Commission
  - b. Commission on People with Disabilities
  - c. Contracted Service Oversight Subcommittee

- d. Dane County Specialized Transportation Committee
- e. Long Range Metro Transit Planning Ad Hoc Committee
- f. Other Community Meetings
- g. Staff Report - On-going Projects

a. **Transit and Parking Commission – Mr. Durocher reported that the last meeting had important parking issues. The Government East parking ramp needs months of maintenance and is scheduled to be replaced. Logistics of how to pay for it and doing it for a few months are being discussed. Transit issues included the Wisconsin Department of Transportation management audit that is in progress. The draft report was in the packet and Metro looks good. Also, the TPC is scheduling a public hearing in the event that schedule and fare changes are a part of the final approved City budget. Alder Gruber stated that this is the wrong time to raise fares. Ms. Brunette-Tregoning asked how many ramps the City has. Mr. Durocher said about ten. Ms. Brunette-Tregoning said she would like a survey of parkers. Mr. Durocher said that Mr. Knoebloch has very good statistics on any questions we may have.**

b. **Commission on People with Disabilities – Mr. Tangney reported that the deputy City Clerk spoke about accessible polling places. There are many improvements this year. The Allied Drive Redevelopment project is raising the bar for minimum standards of accessibility.**

c. **Contracted Service Oversight Subcommittee – Mr. Durocher said there was not a report.**

d. **Dane County Specialized Transportation Committee – The September meeting discussed the 2009 budget proposals, the locally developed coordination plan, and the New Freedom grant application.**

e. **Other Community Meetings – Easter Seals – Project Action is doing a study on the use of taxis in paratransit service. Madison has been selected as a focus group site and Metro and Badger Cab will be cooperating.**

f. **Staff Report – On-going Projects – Topics for December's meeting include the next small bus purchase, service provider changes in 2009, and the County's New Freedom Grant application.**

9. [08706](#) Other Transit Related Announcements - Non-Action Items

There were no other announcements.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Tangney moved adjournment; Ms. Brunette-Tregoning seconded. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.