



MEETING NOTES

FRANKLIN COUNTY MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
111 LIBERTY STREET, SUITE 100
COLUMBUS, OH 43215
BOARD ROOM CONFERENCE ROOM

May 8th, 2023
10:00 AM

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Attendance: Belinda Spinosa, Holly Dabelko-Schoeny, Christine Happel, Emma Strange, Clint Stockham, Steve Skovensky, JM Rayburn, Sophia Marsh, Corrina Hyde, Lauree Gregg (Fayette County), Jeff Schmelzer (Fairfield County).
- b. Introduction of new attendees: Belinda Spinosi is a disability advocate and community member.

2. Updates

- a. Roundtable Updates
 - i. Steve Skovensky: Be on the lookout for a call to action/outreach from the Community Shelter Board regarding the housing crisis. More to come at the June meeting
 - ii. MORPC: New opportunity "Money Mondays" is available for those in MORPC membership areas (Franklin County is one of these). These thirty-minute presentations cover federal and state grants available in a given topic area. Contact Preston Frick pfrick@morpc.org for more information
- b. Mobility Management Update
 - i. Franklin County Mobility Management now has a page on the MORPC website
 - ii. Gohio Mobility is launching June 1st. Contact Emma Strange for a Gohio Mobility presentation or training at your organization.

3. Regional Mobility Plan

- a. A yearly survey is a mandatory element of coordinated plans for ODOT. This year's Regional Mobility Plan survey is out now until the last day of August. The timelines for distribution vary by county as each county have different needs. Franklin County's survey will run until COTA's survey begins
- b. The survey is available on Formstack and in paper form. There are paper form versions in Somali, Arabic, and Spanish. Thank you, CRIS!
- c. Question: Are there opportunities to make the survey more accessible for people with low vision or other barriers?

- i. Yes, while the questions are finalized, the format of the survey can change to suit people's needs. If you have suggestions, please reach out to Emma with those suggestions.
 - d. Please contact Emma with opportunities to distribute surveys and ensure your service population is represented.
- 4. **Outreach Discussion**
 - a. What gaps do you see in knowledge in your service population regarding transportation?
 - i. Holly Dabelko-Schoeny (OSU) - In older adults you see a bifurcation of those who know a lot about transportation and use it, and those who do not know about transportation and do not use it.
 - 1. Assumption of "I'll learn to use it when I need it"
 - 2. Assumption that family and friends will be able to drive them, but family and friends may have different ideas about what is "important" to have transportation to
 - ii. Older adults also want support in riding the bus. Some want a professional travel trainer while others may be okay with a volunteer. Opportunity for multigenerational efforts as well
 - 1. Christine (AFIC) - Tool design could be a resource. We could also do training with how to ride a bike safely to work <https://tooledesign.com/location/columbus-oh/>
 - iii. There is a need to normalize the usage of the bus – Clint Stockam (ARC).
 - 1. Corrina Hyde (COTA) has had success with group travel trainings as well as teachers have reached out to her to set up class wide travel trainings.
 - 2. Christine – There are bike-to-work days, what about a bus-to-work day?
 - iv. JM Rayburn – There is confusion/lack of knowledge about differing regulations as you cross city lines – biking for example
 - v. Belinda – Any event we do or initiative we put out needs to have a framework that includes those with disabilities. She suggests involving the county clerk's office
 - b. What has been ineffective about previous outreach initiatives?
 - i. JM (Dublin) - Keep in mind time of year, seasonal modes of transportation such as biking and scootering, and finally, if people are interested
 - ii. Christine – There is the challenge to make the option other than driving your car look appealing
 - iii. Holly – Outreach initiatives need to allow people to see themselves as the people who use transportation – representation in outreach materials
 - iv. JM – When it comes to promoting microtransit, finding the appropriate people to reach out to can be a barrier.
- 5. **Wrap up/Main interest points**
 - a. Travel buddy program: Trained volunteers doing one on one travel training either on the bus or on bikes
 - b. Bus to work day
 - c. Transportation planning
 - d. Big regional goal: Regional call center or purchased transportation for all of region 6

- i. Follow up on this with other regional mobility managers in July

Next Meeting: 10am Monday, June 12th