

# Statewide Mobility Management Project

*Pilot - Southeast Regional Coordination Committee*

*Meeting #2 Summary*

Nebraska Department of Transportation



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## Meeting Purpose

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This meeting served as a discussion session for the Southeast Regional Coordination Committee (RCC) of the Statewide Mobility Management Project sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT). The RCC is composed of executive level officials and representatives of agencies tasked with aiding and providing feedback in implementing the coordination strategies developed as part of the project. The meeting's purpose was to discuss the progress of coordination strategies, provide a platform for communicating ideas, to gather input from NDOT and to provide an update on Mobility Manager's work.

The meeting was held at Lincoln and included a presentation by Bill Troe and Smita Sharma of SRF with intermittent questions answered by the SRF staff and Kari Ruse of the NDOT.

# Sign-In Sheets

**MOBILITY MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

MEETING PURPOSE: SOUTHEAST RCC MEETING #2 ①

Date: 12/12/2017

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**MOBILITY MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

**MEETING PURPOSE:** SOUTHWEST RCC MEETING #2

Date: 12/12/2017

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# Meeting Notes

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## Attendance

23 [16 (in person) + 7 (online)]

### In Person

- Kari Ruse, NDOT
- George Gallardo, NDOT
- Lauren Dale, NSC
- Bill Bivin, NSC
- Kaitlyn Richardson, NSC
- Scott Bartels, SCAT
- Jeff Baker, Seward County
- Lori J Meyers, United Way
- Jerry Deichert, UNO
- Bob Blair, UNO
- Corrina Duckworth, Saunders County Public Transit
- Travis Haum, MAPA
- Court Barber, MAPA
- Megan Walker, MAPA
- Bill Troe, SRF
- Smita Sharma, SRF

### Online

- Abe Anshasi, NDOT
- Cliff Lindell, BRAAA
- Athens Ramos, UNMC
- Lois McClintock/Lisa from Tecumseh Transit
- Pan Armknecht & Vicky McNealy, SENCA

### Interest in Participation for Preparing the RCC Handbook

- Smita will lead the effort. RCC members interested in participating:
  - Bob Blair & Jerry Deichert (UNO)
  - Cliff Lindell (BRAAA)
  - Megan Walker (MAPA) – MAPA working on handbook for CTC
  - Scott Bartels
  - Jeff Baker

Notes: NATP is working on a Transit Manager Handbook – Jeff/Scott are participating in the working group for that.

## **RCC Meeting Attendance**

- Most coordination committees require the transit managers to attend the RCC meetings if the agency wants to apply for grant money. NDOT is interested in keeping the attendance requirements as other states have.
- Question (Corrina Duckworth): Some transit managers wear several hats and having attendance as a critical requirement for grant funding may be a difficult one to meet. Answer (Kari Ruse): The RCC meeting is going to take 1.5 hours per quarter (or 1.5 hours semi-annually). The meetings will be available for online/phone attendance and will be setup well in advance. The requirement seems reasonable considering those key factors.

## **Mobility Manager Updates**

- Shared Calendar for Regional Trips: Smita will be sending a link to the shared calendar and will seek feedback from RCC. Currently, Smita is seeking comments on the additional details needed in the calendar event for regional trip. Are there others (other than transit providers) who should have access to the calendar?
- Ride Reservation Using Text/SMS: Details of this technology strategy needs to be worked out. Smita will get in touch with Jeff Baker to follow up and plan the testing of this concept with Condordia college students and Seward County Transit.
- Marketing Flyers/Posters: Smita has been in touch with some transit providers and helped with marketing flyers and posters for existing or new service. Transit providers can get in touch with Smita for marketing help. She will also reach out to individual providers.

## **Fare Differential & Regional Trip Coordination**

- Jeff Baker: How do the transit agencies deal with fare differential when coordinating for regional trip? Punch card tracking can be an issue.  
Bill Troe/Kari Ruse: Some regional destinations (For example: Lincoln and Omaha) will qualify as a regional transportation hub (connecting to airport, Amtrak, Bus Carriers) for inter-city 5311 (f) funds. There is no local match requirements for 5311(f) grant money and hopefully in such a case fare can be proposed to be setup equal for all providers. For other destinations, Smita will contact the concerned transit providers and setup a meeting to discuss the fare differential and come up with a solution that works for everyone.

## **NDOT Update/Input by Kari Ruse**

- Kari discussed 3 success stories from the Mobility Management project:
  - Scottsbluff Tri-city Roadrunner – Flex route with 130 stops (feasibility study was conducted and the service will start in January)
  - Norfolk – Interest in fixed route service (Ponca Express & Norfolk Transit both provide service in Norfolk)
  - Santee Sioux and Ponca Express Coordination

## **RCC Meeting # 3**

SAVE THE DATE: 01/18 or 01/23 at 10 AM. Venue: Lancaster Extension Education Center  
Smita will send out a Doodle Poll.