

Forsyth in Motion Minutes
January 25, 2017

Attending: Vicki Poore, Chairman
 Sam Matthews, Shepherd's Center
 Fred Haith, City of WS DOT

Diane Wimmer, DSS
 Elizabeth Jernigan, PTRC
 Vicki Ceneviva, FCASPC

Elizabeth Jernigan from the PTRC made a presentation on rural transportation planning in the rural counties of North Carolina. She outlined transportation services in the four counties in the RPO that she works with, which includes Davidson, Davie, Stokes and Surry. Forsyth County is an MPO. Her RPO's are working together to look at alternative transportation options. Deviated fixed route allows drivers to deviate up to a mile from the standard bus route to accommodate riders. The RPO's have the same funding sources as Forsyth County - 5310, and TAP. TAP is alternative funding. They are evaluated on access, system safety, impact, cost effectiveness and market share.

CMAQ - Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funds transportation programs in air quality management areas to help achieve and maintain national standards for pollutants.

Comprehensive Planning starts with asking residents their vision for how they want the community to look and feel in the future. The people who make the decisions are the elected officials.

Diane Wimmer	Diane said that 10 years ago we held a series of Community Conversations, and transportation was a serious concern for older adults. It will be interesting to see what Aging Matters initiative will come up with. They have conducted phone surveys. After they have compiled that data they will host some community conversations and then conduct phone conversations.
Elizabeth Jernigan	PTRC is trying to get the state to match federal funding. YVEDDI does all the paratransit transportation in her RPO. PART has a contract with parts of Greensboro. There is no mobility manager for her RPOs.
Fred Haith	Fred said they are processing 5310 invoices. Sam said he had received his reimbursement. Diane said they are still having trouble getting the DSS invoices processed. They are expecting a new transportation planner at the end of the month who will be coming here from Atlanta. Sam asked about reallocation of the unused FY15 funding. Fred said they are still reaching out to some of the entities involved. They are still working

	<p>toward issuing RFPs in February. The amount of funds to be reallocated is not a large amount, so they are combining the two processes. In February they will announce what funds are available and evaluate the needs of the providers. That reallocation will need to go before the citizens review board. The February RFP will be for FY16. FY17 has not been apportioned yet.</p> <p>Sam asked if Fred had contacted GroMeds to confirm that they were out of business. Fred said that he had. GroMeds and DSS will not re-up. They have been given a certain amount of time to respond. JARC is a little different, but Fred said it might happen at the same time. WS Transit, and Family Services are the primary users of JARC.</p>
<p>Sam Matthews</p>	<p>Sam said that he had received a packet from Claire Stone. Vicki P and Diane said that they had received that content in an email. The new fixed route bus schedule went into effect January 1. Sam said the bus stop at the Shepherd's Center is in a dangerous location. It was suggested that he use the WSTA comment hotline to report the problem. Diane said they took away the bus shelter on Stratford at Thruway.</p>
<p>Vicki Poore</p>	<p>Vicki Poore announced that she was resigning as of this meeting. Diane suggested that we could meet quarterly until a new chairman has been found. She suggested that the next meeting be held in April after the results of the Aging Matters survey are announced in mid March.</p>