



Town of Sudbury

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Sudbury Transportation Committee

Minutes

Wednesday November 7, 2018

10:30 AM

Engineering Conference Room, DPW Building, 275 Old Lancaster Road

Core Members Present: Daniel Carty, Daniel Nason, Carmine Gentile, Alice Sapienza, Beth Suedmeyer, Susan Iuliano, Bethany Hadvab,

Advisory Group Members Present: Deb Galloway,

Absent: Charlie Dunn, Scott Nix

Also present: Ed Carr (Metrowest Regional Transit Authority - MWRTA), Jennifer Roberts (Citizen)

Confirmation of Quorum

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, Dan Carty as acting chair convened the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

Member Introductions

Dan Carty introduced new member Susan Iuliano (Commission on Disability rep) to the group

Selection of Clerk to take minutes

Dan Carty volunteered to take minutes for this meeting; Deb Galloway will also take notes which can then augment minutes as necessary

Review and approval of Oct 15 2018 Meeting Minute

Beth Suedmeyer moved to approve the meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Alice Sapienza. With no requested further discussion the committee voted unanimously to approve with Susan Iuliano abstaining

Reviewed Action Items from 10/15/18 meeting

- Gentile: Invite Ed Carr (MWRTA) to next meeting COMPLETE
- Carty: Discuss latest Transportation Committee items w/ Town Manager Rodrigues (CTC, TNC (may need subsidy), MWRTA to attend next meeting COMPLETE
- Carty/Suedmeyer: Upload pertinent documents to website: ONGOING

Member Updates

- Carty mentioned that at latest School Committee meeting they talked about modification of school start times and how it may impact busing; they mentioned that they were going to talk to Carmine Gentile about researching the purchasing of busses of their own
- Carty also asked about transportation options for rides to and from the November 27th Town Forum and Town meeting

Discussion w/ MWRTA representative

Carmine Gentile introduced Ed Carr, Administrator of MWRTA and reminded group that we wanted to talk about TransLoc pilot as well as other pertinent MWRTA initiatives. Carmine gave overview of TransLoc – services normally are \$200,000 for a 6 month pilot but if we act by Dec 31 2018 we can get it for \$25,000 as long as we are partnered with our regional transit authority – MWRTA.

Ed Carr discussed their IT resource Daniel Fitch whose abilities greatly benefit MWRTA. He developed a GPS system while interning from Bridgewater State. Mr. Fitch will look into TransLoc and see how it could fit in with what technology MWRTA has and what gaps would remain.

Mr. Carr then said that the state recently released an additional \$4 million of state operating budget money for Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs) and that each RTA could put forward two projects but must do so by November 30 2018. MWRTA picked a first mile / last mile to/from commuter rail project as well as a fixed stop bus route down Route 20 from Marlborough to Riverside T station. He said that Sudbury and Wayland were drivers due to their growing density and this could start as early as January assuming they get the funding. When asked how his budget currently is spent Mr. Carr stated that half is for fixed route and half for on demand even though fixed route accounts for 80+% of their overall ridership of ~900,000 rides/year. Dan Carty asked if letter writing from the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, and/or Carmine Gentile as State Rep. would help; forum agreed

Action items Carty to coordinate letter from BOS/Town Manager, Beth Suedmeyer to ask Steve Senna/National Development if they would write one, and Carmine Gentile will write one of his own

Discussion shifted back to TransLoc and microtransit; Alice Sapienza reviewed her documents “Changing town demographics”, “POTENTIAL SUDBURY USE CASES” and “Meeting with MWRTA, 10/29/18”. Mr. Carr said that public/private partnerships are key to any transportation project and that coverage for this would likely fall within a 20 mile geofence. In discussing the \$25,000 funding of the pilot Deb Galloway stated that the money could potentially come from MeadowWalk mitigation money. Dan Carty asked if we were sure this would not fall under the public procurement umbrella – Beth Suedmeyer said she would confirm with Town Manager Rodrigues.

Ms. Suedmeyer asked how the MWRTA pilot would relate to a MAPC pilot. Group felt the two were related but separate and the MAPC pilot could be thought of a second phase.

Action items Sapienza to meet with Daniel Fitch (MWRTA) to discuss general reaction to project. Suedmeyer to confirm with Town Manager Rodrigues that TransLoc does not fall under public procurement rules. Galloway to follow up with Council on Aging to see if they would approve the use of mitigation money for this pilot. Carty will send the “POTENTIAL

SUDBURY USE CASES” document to the group and ask for feedback on the use cases by Monday November 12.

Update on Livability Assessment

Deb Galloway and Alice Sapienza stated we should have the review and public presentation the first week of December

Discuss Sudbury CTC Representation

With Alice Sapienza stepping down as our CTC representative the forum discussed a replacement. Beth Suedmeyer and Deb Galloway volunteered to be co-representatives

Action item Sapienza will contact CTC to switch their primary contact accordingly

Discuss MassDOT Chap 90 funding

Dan Carty shared the document “MassDOT_Chap 90_ apportionment for FY 2019.pdf” as stated that Sudbury recently received an additional \$147,269 in Chapter 90 local transportation aid to bring their FY amount up to \$883,617

Discuss possible TNC agreement

Alice Sapienza stated that we should include at some point direct conversations with Uber, Lyft, etc. Carmine Gentile also mentioned we should include taxi companies as well. Forum agreed that neither were urgent deliverables but should be kept on the groups’ radar.

Discuss MAPC/MAGIC Micro-transit RFI

Alice Sapienza stated that this is longer term and covers 14 towns, not just Sudbury, and is separate and distinct from the TransLoc pilot. Again group agreed this is not urgent but should be kept on the radar.

Discuss and schedule upcoming meetings

Group came to consensus that Monday November 26th, 1PM would be a good time to next meet.

Action item Carty will find an available room and communicate to group accordingly.

Mindful of the time Dan Carty suggested that all other agenda items be tabled until a future meeting. At 12:02PM Carmine Gentile made motion to adjourn, seconded by Alice Sapienza. With no requested further discussion the committee voted unanimously to adjourn.