



Minutes for the RCC Meeting April 19, 2023.

The RCC Chairperson, Valerie Shaw, called the meeting to order at 9:15am after some technical issues with the slides were worked through. The meeting was held in person at Access Tusc Public Transit, New Philadelphia, Ohio. There were nineteen people in attendance and four on a zoom link virtually.

Madam Chairperson reviewed the housekeeping items and the meeting agenda and welcomed members and guests. In lieu of reading a roll call, Ms. Hill requested that all in attendance in the room introduce themselves for the benefit of the presenters. Access Tusc provided donuts and beverages for attendees.

Madam Chairperson reviewed the minutes from the last RCC meeting on March 15, 2023. Minutes were sent to all members prior to the meeting for their review. There were no corrections or additions. Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Cookie West; seconded by Nicki Silver. Motion carried.

Shannon Hursey, Transit Director, Access Tusc Public Transit, provided our “Local Spotlight” segment highlighting Access Tusc’ celebration of 10 years of service to the community. Access Tusc currently administers two large programs. In 2020, Bridges to Wellness was established. This program supports 20 pathways to wellness, transportation being one of the pathways. Bridges to Wellness has CHW’s (Certified Health Workers) in seven counties in, or adjacent to, our region. In 2021, Access Tusc Public Transit was established. Access Tusc Public Transit currently operates ten vans and has thirteen drivers and four staff. There will be a ribbon cutting for the Access Tusc new location as well as a celebration of 10 years of service on May 18, 2023 at 1pm. All are welcome.

Jill Cunningham, Mobility Manager for Tuscarawas, Carroll, and Harrison counties provided a flyer outlining several active mobility opportunities including hiking, kayaking, canoeing, and cycling available in Tuscarawas County.

ODOT was not present for the meeting, but Ms. Hill reviewed the new funding cycle which applies to all ODOT transportation programs including 5310, 5311, 5307 and 5339. The process of the grant application cycle remains the same, but the timing of the grant cycle has been changed to align with the state fiscal year. LOI’s were published April 3, 2023, and are due back to ODOT before midnight on

April 21, 2023. OMEGA offered any assistance needed, and applicants were also advised to contact the ODOT program manager for help, or with any questions, as well.

The meeting was then turned over to the presenters: Mandy White and Tammy Kahrig, both with the Voinovich School at OU, who are leading the regional SROI project. They led an interactive ripple effects mapping session. RCC members interviewed each other in pairs and then group discussions were led to better identify stakeholders and impact outcomes for the SROI project which will focus on medical transportation and employment transportation within the OMEGA region. As a next step, the OU team will create a value map listing possible outcomes and the RCC will have an opportunity to review, comment, revise and prioritize that map as the process continues. The slides from the OU team may be found in their entirety on the OMEGA website at www.omegadistrict.org.

In regional business, Ms. Hill reminded the group that origin-destination data and regional performance data is due to OMEGA by the end of April if at all possible.

CarFit events are being scheduled for each county except Holmes to be presented in June and July. Dates, times and locations for each county's event are being finalized now and promotional and informational materials will be provided.

Additionally, the regional mobility managers and the regional transit planner are working on the development of a one-page information sheet to be distributed to medical schedulers in physician offices, local and regional medical centers, and hospitals or other medical centers to help with the problem of no shows and to help medical schedulers better deal with public transit limitations and opportunities. This information sheet should be available in May. The information sheet will be part of a regional informational campaign which will include the one -page info sheets, magnets with regional contact information, and sticky note referral sheets for patients.

The calendar for the remainder of the year was provided and RCC meeting topics discussed.

For the good of the region, mention was made of a newspaper article featuring Harrison County Public Transit which was published March 31, 2023 in the News-Herald. Great job, Harrison Public Transit and Nate!

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cookie West, seconded by Mike McBride. The meeting ended at 11:50am.