

**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*

**March 11th, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Updates**
   1. Dublin – J.M Rayburn, Dublin's State of the City is Thursday, 3/14. They are working on updating bus stops and a transit feasibility study. More information to come on transit expansion.
   2. Age Friendly Innovation Center – Christine Happel, AFIC launched their Button Up Ageism campaign. Holding an event for button making Tuesday, 3/19. AFIC is also working with Union County to launch a senior circulator in Marysville on 4/4. Christine (AFIC) and Emma (MORPC) are presenting at the American Society on Aging conference about mobility work between age friendly communities and planning agencies.
   3. MORPC – Emma Strange, Mobility Manager is continuing to present the Mobility Plan to communities in Franklin County. State of the Region is this Friday 3/15. MORPC is having an open house for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan on Tuesday, 3/19, from 3:30-6:30 pm.
   4. Comfort Keepers – Terri King, Comfort Keepers is an in–home care company that provides various services, including transportation for clients. While Comfort Keepers does mostly work with private pay, Veterans can use their benefits to pay for services.
   5. Concord Counseling – Sarah Bramley, Sarah is the Senior Support Program Coordinator for Concord Counseling. Their transportation services serve zip codes 43081, 43082, and 43054. Their transportation services are not wheelchair accessible and are free.
3. **Recap of Travel Training**
   1. FCMAC members reflected on last month’s travel training trip. Noting new observations such as wifi on the buses, the differences between the kinds of routes/color coding on bus stops, and the helpfulness of travel training.
      1. FCMAC members expressed interest in more “field” trips and sharing more information around kinds of transportation and mobility options.
4. **2024 Goals**
   1. New ideas/topics for future meetings:
      1. FCMAC members like the field trips – let's do more!
      2. Potential for rotating the meeting location to visit more agencies and give the opportunity for tours. Would like to maintain hybrid accessibility.
      3. In order to address challenges expressed in the meeting, should we look into a transportation provider survey? Or an alternative way to consolidate transportation information? Promoting Gohio Mobility?
   2. Current challenges:
      1. Affordability and eligibility for specialized transportation programs
      2. Cross county trips are difficult to coordinate and make happen due to eligibility requirements and grant requirements
      3. Transportation providers struggle with helping clients manage expectations (wait times, eligibility, etc) and understanding how to help people who do not qualify for the services.
      4. Shortages with resources – accessible vehicles, wheelchair access
5. **Next Meeting**
   1. Next meeting was scheduled for April 8th, which is during the solar eclipse and MORPC’s office will be closed. The committee decided to move the meeting to next Monday, April 15th at 10 am.

Next Meeting: 10am Monday, April 15th