

RURAL / URBAN TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Paul Siller	Rocky View Regional Handi-Bus
Randy Ell	MD of Rockyview - FCSS
Maureen Wills	Big Hill Seniors Handi-Bus
Dorothy Anderson	Big Hills Seniors Citizens Activity Society
Orville Lammle	Seniors Handi-Bus
Lori Kovacs	Town of Cochrane FCSS – Western Rocky View Region
Truper McBride	Councilor, Town of Cochrane
Stephen Hansen	Calgary Transit

1. Meeting Notes 2003 February 07

The notes for 2003 February 07 were adopted with minor changes

2. Other Stakeholders

The committee listed the names of other potential stakeholders who might be interested in being involved

- MD of Big Horn No. 8
- Alberta Human Resources and Employment – Calgary Region
- Persons with Developmental Disabilities – Calgary Region
- Calgary Rockyview Child and Family Services
- MD of Foothills
- Bragg Creek
- Springbank
- Red Wood Meadows
- Bottrell
- Cremona
- Water Valley
- Chestermere
- Langdon
- High River
- Okotoks
- Turner Valley

It was suggested that the committee obtain a map of the area surrounding Calgary to see the exact area being discussed. **Action: R. Ell agreed to obtain a map.**

3. Calgary Regional Partnership

T. McBride indicated that he is participating on the Calgary Regional Partnership. The Regional Partnership operates as an advocacy group representing Calgary and 11 other municipalities from the surrounding area. One of the issues that have been identified by The Regional Partnership is transportation. The group is currently finalizing its governance structure, which should be completed by 2003 May. Once

the governance structure is completed the Regional partnership may be a forum to bring the committee's concerns regarding transportation.

4. Committee Vision

It was suggested that the committee develop a vision or terms of reference for what it is trying to accomplish. In addition, the committee indicated that it would be beneficial to have a chairman, an agenda for meetings, and meeting minutes.

Action: P. Siller agreed to chair the committee on an interim basis (for the next two to three months) subject to getting more people on the committee. S. Hansen agreed to act as scribe.

5. National Transportation Week

National Transportation week is being held 2003 May 26–29 in Edmonton. The theme of the week is Transportation: Competing in the World Economy. Conference topics include: infrastructure, technology, logistics and supply chain management, and education. There may be an opportunity to discuss rural/urban transportation issues at the conference. For more details on the week, see www.ntw2003.ca or call 780-413-9590.

6. Identification of Issues

The following are potential issues identified by the committee for future discussion:

- Need better coordination between stakeholders
- Make more effective use of available resources
- How to get people into Calgary to access services
- Create satellite depots through region
- Document what services are currently available and the areas they serve
- Sources of funding for transportation services
- Establish a central agency to channel funding to various transportation providers
- Look at option of providing a community bus service
- Document the need for service now and in the future (e.g., number of customers, trips provided, vehicles, annual costs)

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 2003 April 17 at 9:30 a.m. in Boardroom 104 (located on the first floor beside Reception) at Calgary Transit - Spring Gardens Administrative Building (928 32 AV NE).

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