

Meeting 6 Minutes

Marple Township Building

January 30, 2018

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Meeting Objectives: Learn about another enhanced bus service in the region, discuss the Coalition's governance (including expanding membership), and refine our action plan.

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Presentation from Dan Nemiroff (DN), SEPTA
 - a. DN presented on the topic of planning and implementing Direct Bus on Roosevelt Boulevard. His presentation can be found on <http://www.chescoplanning.org/transportation/WestChesterPike.cfm>.
3. Governance (including membership expansion)
 - a. Tom Shaffer (TS) presented a draft outline of an organizational structure for the West Chester Pike Coalition and requested feedback.
 - b. Rick Smith (RS) said he generally supported the structure, but pointed out that municipalities cannot commit other municipalities to spend money. A majority vote cannot commit a municipality to expending funds if the municipality in question does not agree to it.
 - c. Stephen Nease (SN) agreed and said that the situation regarding committing funds would be the same in Delaware County. He said that through a formal organizational structure, the coalition could work together toward obtaining shared funding.
 - d. Mark Cassel (MC) said that one municipality or one of the counties would have to take the lead on any grant application. The coalition would not be able to receive or administer funds.
4. Action Plan
 - a. MC suggested bringing Clear Channel, the owner of bus shelters along West Chester Pike, into the coalition.
 - b. Andrew Svekla (AS) suggested that Clear Channel could be a presenter at a future meeting.
 - c. Bradley Flamm (BF) asked if there were any institutions other than West Chester University along the corridor that he or the university should contact about the coalition.
 - d. Paul Seligson (PS) mentioned that Cheyney University and Delaware County Community College might be interested in participating in the coalition.
 - e. Heather Martin (HM) said that while neither of those schools are located along West Chester Pike, it is possible that some of their students utilize the corridor to travel to/from school. She said that the coalition would welcome any new institutional members that have an interest in the coalition's vision and mission.
 - f. HM said that Chester County municipalities expressed an interest in having a municipality-only meeting before the spring coalition meeting to work out some of the details of the action plan.
5. Next Meeting

- a. Dan Whaland (DW) said that in discussions about the organizational structure of the coalition, coalition coordinators at Delaware and Chester Counties and DVRPC decided that if the coalition agreed, it should not be necessary to formally vote on approving new non-voting members. There was no objection to this approach.
 - b. Amy Bernknopf (AB) said that Trish Ellis of the City of Philadelphia could present on transit signal priority at a future meeting.
 - c. MC suggested that a presentation from the Haverford Police on emergency services and signal preemption could be a future presentation topic.
 - d. Brian Styche (BS) offered West Chester Rail Restoration as a potential future presentation topic.
 - e. PS mentioned that Dekalb Pike has excellent traffic signal operations. He recommended bringing in someone who manages signal operation on that corridor to present to the coalition in the future.
 - f. RS said that he would be willing to present on closed-loop signal operations in about a year, when the system is up and running.
 - g. Larry Gentile (LG) said that Haverford has had some recent success with traffic signal improvements. Haverford might be interested in presenting on that topic in the future.
 - h. TS asked whether the coalition would like to set up a regular quarterly meeting time, so that coalition members can plan well in advance of meetings to attend. Multiple members supported the concept of creating a more regular meeting time.
 - i. Casey LaLonde (CL) offered to present during a future meeting on West Goshen's trash collection system at bus stops.
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