

**PUBLIC TRANSIT-HUMAN SERVICE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS
 PROPOSED BROOKE-HANCOCK-JEFFERSON MOBILITY COUNCIL
 NOTES OF THE TUESDAY APRIL 28, 2008 MEETING
 CONVENED AT THE BHJ MPC MEETING ROOM
 124 NORTH FOURTH STREET, SECOND FLOOR, STEUBENVILLE, OH**

IN ATTENDANCE:

REPRESENTING:

Frank Bovina	Steel Valley RTA
Jeff DeStefano.....	Change Inc.
Edward L. Florak	Progress Alliance
Jim Morgan.....	Jefferson Community College
Mike Mehalik.....	Jefferson MR/DD
Caroline Harris.....	J.C.D.J.F.S
Daniel Pinciario	Jefferson County Prevention & Recovery Board
Michael Paprocki	BHJMPO
Shawn Price	BHJMPO
Becky Stout.....	Weirton Transit Corporation

Michael Paprocki, BHJMPO Transportation Study Director, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. followed by individual introductions.

Mr. Paprocki referenced the Executive summary of the Jefferson County Public Transit-Human Service Coordinated Transportation and noted that the formation of a Mobility Council of transportation service providers operating in Brooke, Hancock, and Jefferson counties is the key recommendation of the plan. A short discussion followed.

Mr. Paprocki then introduced four topics for discussion:

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| § Goals & Objectives | § Financial Opportunity |
| § Policy & Organization | § Identity of the Council |

After discussion, the attendees decided the first topic of conversation should be ***Identity of the Council***. Everyone agreed that the Council must include representation of all three counties and be regional in perspective. Titles chosen for consideration included:

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| § Council or Organization | § Authority |
| § Partnership | § Corporation |
| § Board of Trustees (or similar) | § Cooperative |
| § Committee (possibly a sub-group of the BHJ Metropolitan Planning Commission similar in structure as its Technical Advisory Committee) | |

Actions that are representative of the council's identity and purpose include:

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| § Access | § Movement of People |
| § Service | § Coordination |

Mr. Paprocki did not ask the group to make a decision at this point. He indicated that the discussion be resumed at the next meeting. Attendees then indicated that ***Policy and Organization*** be the next subject for deliberation. Those present agreed that given the complexity of each organization, that the formation of the proposed Mobility Council be a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement. Each organization may then enter into individual or multiple binding agreements that serve the council's goals and objectives as needed at any given time. The group suggested the agreement include the following policy statement(s):

Eliminate obstacles and barriers regardless of governmental boundaries (i.e. county, state, or service boundaries) and provide opportunity for participation and cooperation among all public transit and human service transportation providers, as well as other social service agencies.

The group then discussed Goals and Objectives. The initial list, in no defined order of priority, developed consists of:

1. Complete some form of non-binding agreement to provide structure
2. Solicit more participation from other service operators and consumers of services
3. Develop a format or policy for consistent communication
4. Reduce operating costs and improve conservation of available resources
5. Develop a form of Central Management
6. Expand "Down the Road" with an eye towards the business community

The group deferred discussion of Financial Opportunity.

Next meeting date April 29, 2008 10:00 a.m. BHJMPC Meeting Room

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Submitted by

Michael J. Paprocki
BHJ Transportation Study Director