



Transportation Coordination Meeting 5310, 5316 and 5317

Minutes of August 23, 2011 Meeting

Attendees

Phil Hobbs, Tohono O'odham Nation
Tom Amparano, University of Arizona
Sue Henning-Mitchell, Catholic Comm. Svcs.
Scout Phillips, Southwest Conservation Corps.
Ben Irving, Project Insight
Jackie Johnson, PPEP, Inc.
Luis Lopez, El Rio Health Center
Shireen Greeney, Easter Seals Blake Found.
Karen Young, Intermountain Centers
Cheryl Andersen, Interfaith Community Svcs.
Tony Bruno, Community Food Bank
Joe Ochoa, Compass Behavioral Health

Marcia Konopka, United Comm. Health Center
Albert Serrato, La Frontera Center
Pat McGowan, Sun Van/Sun Tran
Ron Barnes, Total Transit Inc.
Jess Segovia, Navigator Mobility Consultants
Michael Wall, Total Transit Inc.
Jeannie Maldonado, Pima Council on Aging
Aimee Ramsey, Town of Oro Valley

Staff

Jennifer O'Connor, Sr. Transportation Planner
Jeremy Papuga, Transit Services Manager
Zonia Kelley, Support Services

Attendees Cont.

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Jennifer O'Connor at 3:35 p.m. and introductions were made.

2. Announcements

Ms. Jennifer O'Connor gave the following announcements:

- ADOT vehicle maintenance not moving forward. This may be considered in the future.
- 2010 5310, 5316 and 5317 Vehicle Delivery Update. Ms. O'Connor spoke to ADOT Procurement, they say they should be receiving some of the vehicles in September and distribution should be by end of September. Vehicles will come in through the end of the year. More information will be given as it becomes available.
- 2011 5310 Awards – ADOT letter from August 18, 2011. The sites who applied for the 5310, 5316, 5317 in February 2011, this letter informs that ADOT has sent in their recommendation to U.S. Dept. of Labor for awards. This letter went out to all who were recommended to receive an award, though the recipients are still yet to be determined.
- Pass training opportunity for the fall. This training is for interested drivers. If anyone who would like to send drivers to this training please do so. This provides disability awareness, bloodborne pathogens, emergency and

evacuation procedures, lift operating procedures and services animals. The U of A has volunteered to host the training, but we would like to have a backup facility in case the U of A cannot host. Please contact Ms. O'Connor if your facility can be the backup host.

- Transit Working Group presentation. Ms. O'Connor provided a presentation to the TWG in June. This group meets on a monthly basis. The group includes jurisdictional members and transit providers. Ms. O'Connor presented the Coordinated Plan to the group. The group had concerns about overlap or redundancy between 5310 program and transit services. Ms. O'Connor was asked to return to the group and give an update on the work this group does. She would like to give them a better understanding of the importance of the 5310, 5316 and 5317. Ms. O'Connor may seek 5310 grantees to join her in that presentation.
- ADOT Coordination Workshop – Was held in July. New guidance for Coordinated Plans. There is support from national experts – Dave Cyra and Jess Segovia. This will help with our coordinated efforts. We will need to include: regional operating statistic, Coordination history, relationship between Plan and grant process and short and long term strategies.
- Grant application revisions- Small team includes 3 from Tucson. Goal is to create a simplified and streamlined application. 5316 and 5317 applications will be add-ons to 5310 application. Input is still being accepting.

3. Sun Shuttle Presentation – Jeremy Papuga.

Mr. Papuga explained that anyone can use the Sun Shuttle services. It is not specifically geared toward any specific group, anyone can use Sun Shuttle. Mr. Papuga gave an overview of the Sun Shuttle Services. Brochures were available of all the routes that are provided. The Sun Shuttle services were put into place in 2009, and is a part of the RTA plan adopted in 2006. These services were meant for neighborhoods, rural parts of the region and also provide connectivity to the large Sun Tran system. This is part of the seamless travel.

Routes in Sahuarita and Green Valley there are Dial-a-Ride (DAR) routes. These are curb to curb call a-head services. In Marana, routes 410, 411, 412 and 413 serve from Old Marana to Continental Ranch and connects to the Transit Center on North Side. In Oro Valley has a DAR service and route 401 which travels on Oracle and connects to Sun Tran Route 16 on Ina. Routes 430 and 440 came over from Pima County, these routes are rural and service the San Xavier District and Tucson Estates areas.

The service delivery types that are offered with Sun Shuttle are:

- Fixed Routes – Routes that operate much like Sun Tran, and have scheduled stops at pre-determined areas.
- Deviated Fixed Routes - Primarily operates like a Sun Tran route, but allows for deviated service for those who qualify for ADA services. These are in rural areas where Sun Van or HandiCar services are not available. These deviated fixed

routes can deviate within $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the fixed route. There is extra time allowed for those routes in case deviation is needed.

- General Public Dial-a-Ride - Curb-to-curb service that required a reservation a day in advance. No qualification restrictions for this route that is within the service area.

Mr. Papuga illustrated a map of the services and how they connect. Most regular fares are \$1.50 and DAR Curb-to-curb at \$3.00. Times of routes vary by route, refer to the route brochure. Mr. Papuga also updated the group on past and current ridership information to give an idea of how the services have progressed.

Future improvements include the SmartCard Technology in 2012, which is part of the regional seamless transportation system. Please contact Jeremy Papuga for any additional information on the Sun Shuttle services.

4. Transportation Directory Website Content and Marketing

Jennifer O'Connor gave a brief description of the purpose of the website to include informing the public and non-profit clients about transportation options. Also, allows grantees and other agencies to find providers who can help meet their transportation needs.

Some of the goals for the website are to have ease of use, an accessible format and also easy to update. The features that the website will have are a home page with quick links that highlight "about this site", "Find a Ride Tool", "Providers Listings" and "FAQ". Ms. O'Connor presented a model of what the website would look like and how the links would work.

Data need is crucial for the success of the web site. Data received from private providers (4), public providers (5), neighbor care programs (5), 5310 grantees (6) and other non-profit (3). There is still data that is needed from private providers and all 5310 grantees.

The group discussed a name for the web site and decided between Pima Find a Ride and Pima Mobility Resources. Ms. O'Connor will have the IT dept. at PAG to check for the URL availability and will get back to the group.

A list of outreach strategies was given in order to get the word out about the web site. Ms. O'Connor expressed the importance of this group getting the word out as well. Please relay any other outreach ideas to Ms. O'Connor.

5. PAG Coordinated Plan Update Committee

The coordinated plan needs to be updated by April 2012. Things that need to be included in the plan are regional operating statistics, coordination history, relationship between plan and grant process, short and long term strategies. Ms. O'Connor already has a base document to start with but would like to expand it. Ms. O'Connor is

seeking 5 to 10 individuals to serve on the Coordinated Plan Update Committee. The goal is to make this a regional coordinated transportation plan.

6. Future Agenda Items

Next meeting will be held in early November 2011.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.