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WILLIAMSPORT AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY MPO TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: Thursday, October 19, 2023
TIME: 2:00 PM
PLACE: Lycoming County Third Street Plaza, 6th Floor
33 W. Third Street
Williamsport, PA 17701

Virtual Option: Dial-In Number: 1 (267) 332-8737
Conference Code: 551 142 227#
[Microsoft Teams Link](#)

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER Vitko

MINUTES:

May 18, 2023 Vitko

PUBLIC COMMENT Vitko

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Introductions / Meeting Purpose Vitko
- River Valley Transit Authority Service Update.....Wright
 - General Service Update
 - Organization Update
 - Strategic Planning Update
- STEP, Inc. Service Update..... Merk
 - Clinton County Designated Stop Program
 - Lycoming County Veterans Initiative
 - General Update on STEP Services
- WATS MPO
 - 2023 LRTP Update Public Comment Period..... Vitko
 - 2024 WATS Transit Advisory Meeting Dates..... Vitko
- Consumer Comments.....Group

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT Vitko

ADJOURN Vitko

All meeting materials also available on [WATS MPO Website \(http://www.lyco.org/WATS-MPO/Committees\)](http://www.lyco.org/WATS-MPO/Committees)
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WILLIAMSPORT AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2023 Transit Advisory Committee Teleconference Public Meeting: Held at 33 W. Third Street, 6th Floor, Williamsport, PA 17701 and various locations via teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER (Regular WATS Coordinating Committee Public Meeting)

Sal Vitko called the meeting to order at 2:01 P.M.

MINUTES

Nov 15, 2022 Transit Advisory Committee Public Meeting

Sal Vitko asked if there were any issues or questions on the Nov 15, 2022 meeting minutes. Sal explained the request is to approve the meeting minutes were a fair and accurate representation of what occurred at the meeting, Motion to approve the minutes by Dean, 2nd by Todd

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

AGENDA ITEMS

Introductions / Meeting Purpose

1. **Meeting Purpose**-Sal Vitko gave a brief overview of the WATS Transit Advisory Committee's purpose... The TA is a standing WATS advisory committee that assists and provides feedback to the WATS Tech. and Coordinating Committees. The TA meets twice a year and is a forum for the public to learn about transit initiatives and to voice concerns or praise on transit related issues/services.
2. **River Valley Transit Authority Service Update**-Todd Wright spoke of how RVTA is young and just getting started (July 2022). The Strategic plan for RVTA is reset, recover and move forward. All through Covid, the services did not stop. He mentioned the goals they have:
 - A. Getting a leader appointed...that is Todd Wright himself (May 1, 2023)
 - B. Building back internal trust
 - C. Establishing communication both internally and externally
 - D. Restoring community and rider image
 - E. Improving the customer experience

We also have some medium- and long-term goals-expanded transit systems and alternate service delivery. As far as General Services, we have 27 fixed routes. We have 2 new ones-Hepburnville Express and an express route to Williamsport HS. We never had service there before. We have been getting positive feedback on these 2 routes and perhaps they will become fixed routes.

3. ***Step, Inc .Service Update-*** Step was spearheaded by the Clinton County Commissioners and PennDOT. They had recommendations and had analyzed trips over a 3-5 year period. They needed another transportation option. They spoke about 7 routes in Clinton County, which would have designated stops. They would not be door-to door like the regular Step van, but rather like a bus. This would be for people who do not qualify for General Services. They would have to call ahead of time, they would pay a fee and would get on and get off at designed stops. The decision was for three routes: Lock Haven/Jersey Shore/ Williamsport, Renovo to Lock Haven and Mill Hall to Lock Haven and going by the school district. At some point we may go to Geisinger as a designated stop but right now we go to Geisinger every day. We have been working with Rabbit Transit. Those individuals who have Geisinger as their health plan can use Rabbit Transit. We are right next to Fairfield Ford, PennDOT suggested we speak with Fairfield and look at our facilities. We spoke with Fairfield and PennDOT is funding the purchase of part of Fairfield's land funding for a transportation garage facility. Our vehicles will now be housed inside. A few years ago, we had 7 catalytic converters stolen. This will prevent any issues like that. Hopefully, this will be around Spring of 2024. These buildings will in Step's name, the maintenance will be done by Fairfield and PennDOT is funding this project. Steve asked about the transportation study and was told that hopefully it will be released soon. Dan was also asked if STEP was going to have a fare increase. He said more than likely, yes because the fare has not gone up since 2013. Dan also mentioned that the average ride is about 16 miles.
4. ***LRTP Update-***The draft was approved at the April 24th Technical Committee Meeting and also approved at the May 5th Coordinating Committee Meeting. The ACM Meeting is on July 26, then there is a presentation to the Lycoming County Planning Commission and in August it should be approved by the Technical Committee and then in September approved by the Coordinating Committee for open Public Comments. We are hoping it will be adopted in December

With no other business, Dan made a motion to adjourn, Todd 2nd, the meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

WATS MPO Transit Advisory Committee
May 18, 2023 Meeting Attendance
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