

SOUTHWEST IOWA PLANNING COUNCIL

Transit Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting

March 23, 2023, 11:30 a.m.

Atlantic Golf and Country Club (102 W. 29th St., Atlantic, IA)
OR via Zoom

Minutes:

Call to Order: Mark Lander called meeting to order at 11:34am

Roll Call: Introductions were made and those in attendance included: Ingrid Stukerjurgan, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program; Danielle Bruce, SW IA Mental Health Disability Region; Lindsey Button, MAPA; Travis Halm, MAPA; Mark Lander, Transit Director SWITA; Mindy Jensen, Communications Coordinator SWIPCO / SWITA

Discussion:

Travis Halm with MAPA presented information on the Passenger Transportation Plan for RPA-13 and RPA-18 2024 – 2029.

Mark Lander discussed the Summer Fun Bus which will be starting again soon. Lander shared that the Summer Fun Bus will be available in all taxi towns: Atlantic; Glenwood; Harlan; Red Oak; Shenandoah. These services will be available from 7am to 5pm on Monday through Friday. The cost is \$1 per ride or \$40 for the full summer. Lander shared that Harlan had the highest numbers last year and Atlantic had strong ridership also. Lander stated that although this service was not as popular in the other cities, he hopes to get the word out more this year so that there will be increased ridership in those cities also. Lander also noted that he has had a lot of requests for this service to come to Council Bluffs also but SWITA doesn't have the drivers available for this right now, but the hope is that SWITA will be able to offer this in the future. .

Mark Lander discussed workforce transportation and van pools and stated that these are showing additional growth over the past year.

Mark Lander also discussed the potential for electric vehicles to soon be used at SWITA. Lander shared that SWITA already has one grant for 3 electric vehicles to be purchased and is currently looking at another grant. He shared that this is still considered only a pilot program as the plan is not to replace all SWITA's vehicles with electric vehicles but simply see how these vehicles work for SWITA routes.

Future meeting dates:

June 22nd, 2023, 11:30 AM

September **** Date TBD will take place at SWIPCO annual meeting.