

**SOUTHWEST IOWA PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting**

April 30, 2024, 11:00 a.m.

via Zoom

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**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order.** SWITA Transportation Director Mark Lander called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Present: Mark Lander, SWIPCO Transit Director; Chris Parks, SWIPCO and SWITA Communications Coordinator; Sherri Clark, Nishna Productions; Dani Briggs, SWIPCO Lead Planner; Danielle Bruce, SWI Mental Health Systems; Jacklynn Sulentic, Center for Independent Living Coordinator at League of Human Dignity SW Iowa; Lindsey Button, MAPA Transportation Planner; Mia Haschenburger, MAPA Transportation Planner; Ingrid Stukerjurgan, RSVP Coordinator Volunteer Iowa; Jan Schnack, RSVP Coordinator Volunteer Iowa; Tomi Jenson, City of Council Bluffs.
3. **Discuss Transit Section of RPA 13 Long Range Transportation Plan.** SWIPCO Lead Planner Dani Briggs went over the transit section of the LRTP. This is a five-year plan to identify existing and future transportation needs. Briggs went over the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats for transit in the region. A couple of issues that were identified were getting individuals with disabilities to work during busy or off hours. ELDT training has made hiring public transit drivers more difficult due to the time commitment.
4. **Workforce Transportation and Vanpools.** Lander discussed some of the vanpools that have successfully been set up with Enterprise. He sees potential growth here and explained the process, welcoming any business that may have a need to contact him.
5. **Summer Fun Bus.** Lander talked about the SWITA Summer Fun Bus program which offers K-12 students in five different communities the opportunity to get rides during the summer break from school. Rides are \$1 each way or a pass can be purchased for \$40 for unlimited rides that summer.
6. **Other Discussion Topics.** Sherri Clark discussed staffing needs and discussed possible transportation between nearby towns. Ingrid Stukerjurgan discussed the medical transportation that is ongoing in Shelby and Cass Counties with work to expand to other areas. Volunteers are doing a great job meeting transportation needs to fill in the gaps. She said they recruit volunteers and connect them with the entity that then schedules rides. They have a software program to offer that helps this process. Danielle Bruce talked about behavioral health beginning transition from regions to districts with different providers serving those districts. The new map is expected to be out in August, and they will start to know more then.
7. **Discuss Future Meeting Date.** Next meeting date was set for Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Option to meet in person at the SWIPCO Conference Room or via Zoom.
8. **Adjourn.** Lander adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.