

SOUTHWEST IOWA PLANNING COUNCIL
Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting

June 27, 2024, 11:00 a.m.
SWIPCO Conference Room / 1501 SW 7th Street / Atlantic, IA
Or via Zoom

Minutes

1. **Call to Order.** SWITA Communications Coordinator Chris Parks called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Present: Mark Lander, SWITA Transit Director; Kristen Templeton, SWITA Transit Coordinator; Chris Parks, SWITA and SWIPCO Communications Coordinator; Mia Haschenburger, MAPA Transportation Planner; Lindsey Button, MAPA Transportation Planner; Tami Jenson, Council Bluffs Resource and Program Coordinator; Jan Schnack, RSVP Coordinator; Ingrid Stukerjurgan, RSVP Coordinator.
3. **Summer Fun Bus and Excursions.** SWITA Transit Director Mark Lander talked about strong numbers for the SWITA Summer Fun Bus Program. Over 600 rides through June and expecting likely record ridership for the summer. Excursion trips have happened to Zoos in Des Moines and Omaha, Walnut Splash Pad, Viking Lake, and more are scheduled to those places as well as Lake Anita and Omaha Children's Museum. Stukerjurgan asked about rural ridership program that has happened in the past in Shelby County, Lander said that wasn't requested this year and ridership for that type of program has been historically low. He said SWITA would be very open to similar programs if they can get support.
4. **RAGBRAIL, Other Local Events.** SWITA will be providing shuttle transportation for the overnight stops in Glenwood, Red Oak, and Atlantic. 2 shuttles in the first two towns and 3 in Atlantic Hope for great turnout again. SWITA will be participating in parades and other events as requested. Stukerjurgan asked about other groups taking trips and Lander said they are always open to discussion with groups about events and most of the time will be able to do it. He said some of the bigger events they currently support are in the fall like Clarinda Craft Fair.
5. **Other Discussion Topics.** Button stated that some information will be coming out about a FHWA Safe Streets project for a few communities in Pottawattamie County, so be on the lookout for that. Lander talked about a pilot project for health appointment transportation with Montgomery County Memorial Hospital in Red Oak. Looking at testing it in the fall. Stukerjurgan and Schnack talked about keeping RSVP in mind if they can help with that project. Lander said he sees a need for someone to help get clients into appointments and back into their home. More communication will be had.
6. **Discuss Future Meeting Date.** Next meeting will coordinate with SWIPCO Annual Meeting date and will be in Shelby County. More information will be sent out.
7. **Adjourn.** Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.