

**Regional Coordinating Council (RCC) Meeting Notes**  
**January 20, 2015**  
**2:00 pm**

**Attending:**

Tara Styer and Aaron Langmayer- TTD  
Judy Weber- TRPA  
Karen Houser- Lake Tahoe Bicycle Coalition  
Paula Lambdin- EDC HHS  
Julia Tohlen- TNT-TMA  
Graham Dollarhide- JAC  
Ray Goodenough- OPEN  
Liz Barnekeff, El Dorado County Office of Education Child Development Programs

**Tara:**

- Welcome and brief overview of the agenda
- Introductions and updates

**Paula:** There has been an increase in requests for transportation off the hill. Paula has recently referred several people to OPEN. Paula commented that the new (electronic) bus passes and related system are working well for the County.

**Karen:** Participating to see if there are ways to improve communication and connectivity with bike and public transportation.

**Tara:** Confirms that the OPEN phone number is the best method to provide referrals. Tara has also experienced an increase in transportation requests to Placerville and North shore.

**Specialized Transportation Program Updates:**

Tara provided a brief overview of the NTTT program and described the progress towards the grant objectives.

- Unduplicated passengers: NV County: 15/35, Placer County: 4/20
- One-way passenger trips: NV County: 52/100, Placer County: 25/80

Grant objectives must be met by June 30, 2015.

Karen inquires about the funding agency for the NTTT and the renewal process.

**Tara:** NTTT is funded by a grant from the Area 4 Agency on Aging. If grant objectives are met there is an opportunity to renew the contract for two additional years.

Tara describes that the NTTT model can be used to develop a similar program- South Lake Tahoe Specialized Transportation Service. Under the proposed program, the senior center van would be used to provide transportation to Placerville, North Lake Tahoe/Truckee, Carson City, Reno, and Sacramento.

To increase awareness about the proposed program, Tara presented to the SLT (Nevada) Rotary in December and will present the Lake Tahoe Collaborative in March. TTD is submitting an application for Caltrans 5310 funding (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities). If awarded, funding is not expected until January 2016. TTD will also apply for funding from Nevada Department of Transportation for the proposed program.

Ray inquires about the timeline of the proposed SLT Specialized Transportation Service.

Tara explains that TTD received a contribution from the Barton Foundation for \$6,000, which can be used to match federal sources. If awarded, NDOT funding would be available in the fall of 2015 and the Caltrans funding would be available late 2015 or early 2016.

**Liz:** Inquires if the SLT Specialized Transportation Service would increase stops in the basin or if it is focused on out of area transportation.

**Tara:** It proposes out of area transportation.

Begin discussing the restructuring of local routes 50 and 53. This is a continuation of the unmet transit needs workshop from November. TTD is interested in hearing more from the community. Ultimate goal is to increase efficiency, safety, and effectiveness of the service.

TTD began administering transit in SLT in late 2010. At that time, the service had six local routes. Portions of these routes were overlapping and it was not sustainable. The service was reduced to three local routes (50, 53, and 23); currently focusing on routes 50 and 53. TTD is also reviewing the City's 2012 ADA Transition Plan to ensure route modifications are in alignment with the Plan. TTD will also try to coordinate with the Caltrans 50 project.

Over the next couple months Aaron and Tara will begin reviewing and restructuring the routes. Stops may be eliminated that are too close together or removed if they are deemed unsafe. Currently, a stop is being considered on Herbert between Red Lake Rd. and Aloha Rd. to serve the residents of Kelly Ridge senior apartments.

Tara requests suggestions and comments from meeting participants.

Tara mentions the stop near Big 5 will be reviewed. It is close to the Y Transit Center and the intersection merge. Aaron states that the stop may be moved east. Changes are intended to make the system smoother and timelier.

Liz requests a stop near 1286 Kyburz and 1100 Lyons Ave (requests that bus drives on Rufus Allen). It is difficult for parents with small children to walk to these locations. Liz estimates that 30 families are enrolled at the Kyburz location and 100 at the Lyons location.

Tara addresses the ongoing request for service to Meyers, which is contingent on funding.

The stop in front of the Presbyterian Church needs attention. Aaron states that the ultimate goal is to eliminate all buses stopping on U.S. 50. Aaron will evaluate stops based on safety, security, and efficiency of the route. TTD is interested in comments and suggestions from the community, especially passengers.

Judy inquires if there will be a chance to review the routes before they are finalized.

Aaron confirms, and explains that he would like to form a team to gather input, and map out the routes.

Tara mentions the stop on Highway 50 near Kahle. Input will also be requested from the drivers.

Aaron discusses the westbound stop on Highway 50 between Johnson Blvd. and Takela Dr. It is difficult for drivers to use the lift at this location. There is a pull out just west of Takela Dr. that can be utilized.

Judy suggests that stop locations be evaluated for shelters.

Discussion around stops on 53 route (Johnson and Al Tahoe).

Judy states that the stop on the north side of Johnson Ave. needs a light.

Karen mentions that the Johnson area is being reviewed for connectivity; possible opportunities for collaboration.

Aaron requests community input to be emailed over the next three weeks.

Comments can be sent to:  
[aaronl@tahoetransportation.org](mailto:aaronl@tahoetransportation.org)

Graham inquires if the restructuring is an effort to align with the U.S. 50/ South Shore Community Revitalization Project.

Aaron states the restructuring is a separate effort.

Aaron comments about the need to review the stops in the casino corridor.

Tara invites other suggestions or comments.

**Tara:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday April 21, 2015 at 2:00 at the Parasol Building.

Judy compiled the unmet needs from the November meeting, RCC meetings, and other emails and requests. TTD Transit team will meet with Judy to determine if the needs are reasonable to meet. Once the determination is made, Judy will schedule the unmet needs hearing. Meeting information will be sent to those on the RCC mailing list.

Meeting Conclusion