

Transportation Subcommittee Human Services Coordinating Council

Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 10 am
125 Putnam Pike, Dayville, CT 06241

Members Present: John Goodman (United Services), Kirsten Hempel (EASTCONN), Kathleen Krider (Access Agency), Linda Lamoureux (ARC Quinebaug Valley)

Others Present: Karen Burnaska (CT Fund for the Environment), Hoween Flexer (NECCOG)

Called to Order: 10:15am

Introduction of Members Present

Introduction of Guest Speaker: Karen Burnaska, CT Fund for the Environment

Discussion and review of the Latest CACT (CT Association for Community Transportation) Survey

- Need for expanded service in the Northeastern CT Region
- Desire for connection to other transit districts (SEAT)
- expansion of service with WRTD
- Need to connect with out of state districts (RIPTA and WRTA)
- Work to expand existing service hours
- Coordinate with other organizations with vehicles and drivers to provide a shared service to address the gaps in services and available vehicles
- Model an Uber like service that would put people to work and also address the transportation gap
- Coordinated advocacy and resources
Example: Waterbury CT – Post University advocated for evening shuttle service for evening classes, worked with the city and university to secure funding to expand services
- Transportation to employment is the largest employment barrier across the state and the region
- With the decline in the traditional 3 shifts transportation has become more difficult, as most low level retail and warehousing jobs are demand driven, persons are expected to come in at various times during any given work week.

Review and discussion of Transit for Connecticut: A Better CT Through Improved Bus Transit

- Overview of how expanded transportation options improve that state's overall health.
 - Economic growth
 - Healthier and more sustainable communities
 - Improved air quality
- Improving service
 - Increase service hours
 - Provide weekend service
 - Dial-A-Ride implementation
 - Increase connection between transit systems
 - Expand express service to major areas
 - Implement rapid service along major corridors

- Increase interregional linkages
- Expand inter-state transit options

- Monetary Investment needed: 15.5 Million/year for 5 years
- Overview of the recommended service plans and subsequent investment amounts

Next Steps: Investigate interstate travel, shared services of vehicles and drivers