



## **Iowa Transportation Coordination Council**

**September 13, 2023, Meeting**

**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

*Microsoft Teams [link included in email]*

### **Meeting Notes**

#### **Attendance:**

**In Person** - Emma Simmons, Brooke Lovelace, Laura Lutz-Zimmerman, Spencer Thompson, Rasheed Ebrahim

**Online** – Samra Hiros, Amy Colwell, Christy Casey, Kyra Preston, Kelly Schneider, Dex Walker, Latisha McGuire, Roxanne Cogil, Vienna Hoang

#### **I. Call to Order**

#### **II. Introductions**

#### **III. Review of July Meeting Notes**

#### **IV. Topics of Interest**

- Colorado Statewide Transit Pass: <https://coloradonewslines.com/briefs/colorado-bill-could-establish-universal-public-transit-pass-for-statewide-use/>
  - i. We are going to be following this initiative in Colorado
  - ii. It would be interesting to see if something like this could be applicable in Iowa (Especially with the rural agencies)
- Wisconsin Map Example: <https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/projects/multimodal/nd.aspx> / <https://wisdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=5a275fcc732f48be98cb9913102ae07f>
  - i. Spencer (Systems Planning) and Emma (Public Transit) will work on this map for the State of Iowa
  - ii. Emma is going to reach out to the Wisconsin DOT
- Mobility Ohio (NCMM project): <https://nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Effective-Strategies-final.pdf>
  - i. This might be a helpful document to create for the ITCC to explain the history and purpose of the group

#### **V. Statewide Mobility Manager Update – Emma Simmons**

- Discuss Get There Your Way web content
  - i. Look into creating an app for this content
  - ii. Create a pamphlet with this content once the Iowa Rideshare site is active again
- Iowa Rideshare
  - i. Contract has ended, and the Iowa DOT is currently working on the new contract and getting the site up and running as soon as possible
- Iowa DOT Updates



- i. Two new employees: Laura Lutz-Zimmerman and Matt Oetker (Transit Programs Administrators)
- SMART Grant Application: [https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2023-08/Final%20SMART%20FY23%20Stage%201%20NOFO\\_0.pdf](https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2023-08/Final%20SMART%20FY23%20Stage%201%20NOFO_0.pdf)

## **VI. ITCC Member Roundtable – All**

- Brooke Lovelace
  - i. Finished the Make Your Mark conference in Coralville
  - ii. Working on the legislative agenda for the upcoming legislative session
  - iii. October is Disability Awareness Month and one of the initiatives is to have 25 employees with disabilities take their legislator to work
- Rasheed Ebrahim
  - i. Gave an overview of Refugee Services
  - ii. Two new cities being serviced, Davenport and Council Bluffs
  - iii. Partnership with DMACC to help Refugees obtain CDL's; looking to expand this at other community colleges
- Spencer Thompson
  - i. The annual PTP process is starting up
  - ii. Looking into updating the Park and Ride analysis
- Laura Lutz-Zimmerman
  - i. Attended the Midwest Transit Conference in Kansas City
- Samra Hiros
  - i. The public health website is changing to more topic-based content
  - ii. There is an October conference in Marshalltown focusing on health equity
- Kelly Schneider
  - i. Driver's License Center was moved from Iowa City to Coralville
    - 1. Not as accessible by transit
    - 2. Is working with transit services to get people to the license center
  - ii. Kirkwood campus also moved from Iowa City to Coralville and is having similar transit barriers
    - 1. Kelly is helping students find routes to the new location
  - iii. Kelly is also focusing on addressing employment and transportation in North Liberty and the North Coralville area
- Roxanne Cogil
  - i. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> conference
  - ii. Seizure education programs
    - 1. Epilepsy Learning Portal: [Learn.Epilepsy.com](http://Learn.Epilepsy.com)
    - 2. If you are interested in a live-zoom session with our Seizure Recognition & First Aid Certification Program, please reach out to Roxanne [rcogil@efa.org](mailto:rcogil@efa.org).
- Kyra Preston
  - i. Got the report back for the OCIO Digital Equity Planning Grant. Report is attached to the Meeting Notes email.
- Dex Walker



- i. Working with Iowa Total Care on a project with Lyft Healthcare
  - 1. This partnership gives the MCOs the ability to utilize Lyft Healthcare as a transportation option
  - 2. Hoping to see a decrease in "abandoned trips"
  - 3. Decided on Lyft Healthcare over Uber Health because it's credentialing is very similar to the State of Iowa's
  - 4. This is a pilot project and Lyft is only going to be used for ambulatory services
- Christy Casey
  - i. Working on the HCBS waiver design and should be rolled out in the next two years
- Vienna Hoang
  - i. Went through the streamlining process and now officially apart of Iowa Workforce Development
  - ii. Disability Innovative Funds
    - 1. First collective meeting
    - 2. 14 million dollar grant (over 5 years)
    - 3. Right now, they are focusing on the most significantly disabled group, but would like to expand out to a wider range of the population
- Emma Simmons
  - i. Working on new Iowa Rideshare contract and GTFS contract

**VII. Adjournment/Next Meeting Date and Location:**

ITCC  
November 8, 2023  
10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.\*  
Polk County River Place, Room 2  
2309 Euclid Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50310

\*Lunch provided