

Community Networking Group Meeting -- October 2015

Purpose: Provide the City's Transit Planners with social/education sector agency perspectives on clients' transit/transportation needs

Date: Final Date TBD see options below:

Option 1: Thursday, October 22 7:30 - 9:00 am

A large Meeting room has been reserved at Public Health to allow for mapping and small group discussion. Byran Law, Transit Planner for the City of Rochester will attend.

Option 2: Tuesday, October 27 Time yet to be determined. Place yet to be determined.

Advantage of this date is that the City's consultant will be in town doing outreach/community engagement activities.

Proposed Format:

Overview/Framing: How can Rochester's transit system meet the needs of transit dependent individuals and the agencies that serve them?

- 1- CNG Host: What are we trying to accomplish as a CNG? Provide input about the needs of transit dependent populations and services to the City's transit planning process. Determine if there is an opportunity/desire for CNG to be advocates for public transit/transportation system improvements.
- 2- Byran Law, Rochester Transit Planner: Where is the planning process now? How does the City's transit planning fit with the DMC transportation planning process?

Mapping the Transit Needs: Large Map on the Wall

Agencies attending the meeting will be asked to come prepared to provide information: Agency location. Hours of operation for client services. Estimated # clients. Estimated average visits/year/client. Estimated % clients who need transportation to the agency. Transportation services provided directly by the agency, if any. Percent of agency budget spent on client transportation.

Information will be put on large post-it note and posted at the agency's location on the map.

**Small Group Discussion: Groups of 4: Draft discussion questions:
Scribe to record themes.**

- 1- **What are the biggest transportation needs of your clients?**
- 2- **What options should be considered to provide better transit/public transportation.**
- 3- **What action could CNG or your agency pursue to improve client access?**

Next Steps Options: start with this list, have participants identify additions:

- Agency input into City survey (City has on-line survey)
- Survey of agency clients (Use City survey, collect collate data.)
- Host meeting at agency with/for City transit planners
- Follow-up/Local Advocacy for client transit/transportation needs
- CNG develop key messages and communication plan
- Participate on the Transit Development Plan Committee

Proposed November CNG Meeting:

Discussion: What role should CNG play in advocating for improving public transit and other transportation to services?

- Review previous experience with effort to develop collaborative transportation system. Paul Fleissner, others asked to present
- What have we learned from the agency data and discussion re transit?
- What are the opportunities for advocacy or leading change?