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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
WEST VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION
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General

During calendar year 2012, the Council held two meetings. The following information provides insight on the Council's activities during this past year:

- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) required public transit human service coordination plans have been updated. The completed plans may be viewed on the WV Division of Public Transit website, <http://www.transportation.wv.gov/publictransit/Pages/PublicTransit-HumanServicesTransportationPlans.aspx> . The plans are required to be updated every four years.
- The Council heard updates about West Virginia's first ADA accessible taxi cab. It was purchased with a federal grant through WV Division of Public Transit by Mountain State Independent Living for C&H Taxi, in Charleston. Jeb Corey, of C&H Taxi, reports that the taxi's statistics surpassed expectations and the company planned to expand into Putnam County. This taxi was placed in service in November, 2011.
- The Council discussed the "Future of West Virginia Pubic Transit" study being conducted by the Rahall Transportation Institute regarding the current public transit needs throughout the State of West Virginia. The project should be completed by June, 2013.
- The Council prepared for new federal transportation reauthorization bill that replaced SAFETEA-LU. Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) was passed July 6, 2012 and at the time of our last meeting, details of the new law were not available for discussion. Since that time, more information has been made available. Please see the enclosed sheet providing an overview of MAP-21.

- The Council continues to network, exchange ideas and discuss mutual opportunities for coordination.
- During the past year, no new initiatives or guidance were received from the Federal Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM).

Formation of Council

On March 16, 2004, former Governor Bob Wise issued Executive Order No 5-04 creating the West Virginia Transportation Coordinating Council. The Governor charged the Council with studying “issues pertaining to the effective and efficient use of transportation resources including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) coordination of transportation services;
- (b) elimination of waste and overlap caused by duplicated agency efforts; and
- (c) elimination of service gaps to enhance citizen access to all available transportation and resources.”

Former Governor Wise appointed members to the Council in July 2004. On July 5, 2006, Governor Joe Manchin appointed two additional members to the council, Ms. Ruth Wagner and Mr. Bill Davis, representing senior citizens (these members have since been replaced by Ms. Gaylene Miller and Mr. Randy Myers of WV AARP); and on July 18, 2007, Governor Manchin appointed another member, Mr. John R. Davidson Jr., representing the general public. These appointees serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor. The Council has been continued by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin.

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)

Congress establishes the legal authority to commence and continue Federal Transit Administration programs through authorizing legislation covering several years. On July 6, 2012, President Obama signed Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), reauthorizing surface transportation programs through fiscal year 2014 (September 30, 2014). MAP-21 replaces SAFETEA-LU as the act governing the Federal Transit programs. Each reauthorization amends the Federal Transit Laws codified in 49 USC Chapter 53. MAP-21 took effect on October 1, 2012.

MAP-21 consolidates certain transit programs to improve their efficiency and provides significant new authority to strengthen the safety of public transportation systems throughout the United States. The Act also puts new emphasis on restoring and replacing the Nation's aging public transportation infrastructure by establishing a new State of Good Repair formula program and new asset management requirements. It also streamlines the New Start process to expedite project delivery and provides for core capacity project eligibility. In addition, it aligns Federal funding with key goals and tracks progress towards these goals. Finally, MAP-21 improves the efficiency of administering grant programs by consolidating several programs and streamlining the fixed guideway capital investment grant program.

Several of FTA's programs were repealed, consolidated, or changed from a discretionary program to a formula-based program under MAP-21. The New Freedom program was consolidated with Section 5310 known as the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program. Projects selected for funding under this grant program must be included in a locally developed coordinated public transit human services transportation plan and 55 percent of the program funds must be spent on the types of capital projects eligible under SAFETEA-LU. Additionally, the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program was repealed. The Bus and Bus Facilities capital program and most of the Tribal Transit funding now are provided by formulas specified by Congress. The shift to more formula programs provides steady and more predictable funding for transit investments.

ATTACHMENT A: Executive order No. 5-04

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CHARLESTON
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 5-04
By the Governor

WHEREAS, the continuing development of infrastructure to support all transportation needs is essential to the State's economic development growth and to the benefit and well-being of all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, enhancing access to transportation will improve the mobility, employment opportunities, and availability of community services to citizens who are transportation-disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, both State and federal government have allocated millions of dollars to fund transportation infrastructure within this State; and

WHEREAS, the State funded \$39.3 million for the development of its public and medical transportation systems during the last fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the State's monetary resources earmarked for this purpose may be used more efficiently and effectively through the creation of strategies to increase current resources, eliminate duplicated agency efforts, and centralize the management of resources.

NOW THEREFORE I, **BOB WISE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Governor of West Virginia, do hereby **ORDER** that:

1. The West Virginia Transportation Coordinating Council [Council] is hereby created.

2. The Council shall be appointed by the Governor. The Council shall serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor. The Governor, at his discretion, may appoint additional members to the Council.

3. Serving as members of the Council shall be:

- (a) The State Coordinator, Americans with Disabilities Act.
- (b) A representative of the Bureau of Senior Services.
- (c) A representative of the Department of Education.
- (d) A representative of the Workforce Development Division, Development Office.
- (e) A representative of the Department of Transportation.
- (f) A representative of the Bureau for Public Health, Department of Health and Human Resources.
- (g) A representative of the Bureau for Medical Services, Department of Health and Human Resources.
- (h) A representative of the Bureau for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Resources.
- (i) A representative of the Office of Behavioral Health, Department of Health and Human Resources.
- (j) A representative of the Fair Shake Network, a State advocacy program for the disabled.
- (k) Two members representing the public transportation community.

- (l) A member representing the emergency medical transportation providers' community.
 - (m) A member representing Perdidos, a State transportation advocacy organization.
 - (n) Two members representing public transportation consumers with disabilities.
4. The representative of the Department of Transportation shall serve as chair.
 5. The Council shall study issues pertaining to the effective and efficient use of transportation resources including, but not limited to, the following:
 - (a) Coordination of transportation services;
 - (b) Elimination of waste and overlap caused by duplicated agency efforts; and
 - (c) Elimination of service gaps to enhance citizen access to all available transportation and resources.
 6. The Council shall coordinate its efforts with the United States Department of Transportation.
 7. The Council shall participate in and apply for grants through the federal United We Ride program.
 8. The Council may consult with outside experts and receive the testimony of the public during its regularly scheduled meetings.
 9. The Council shall present a report of its progress to the Governor, to both Houses of the Legislature, and to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance prior to the first day of December each year of its existence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol, in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the sixteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Four, and in the One Hundred Forty-First year of the State.

GOVERNOR

By the Governor

SECRETARY OF STATE

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