

**2013**  
**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE**  
**WEST VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION**  
**COORDINATING COUNCIL**

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### General

During calendar year 2013, the Council held two meetings. The following information provides insight on the Council's activities during this past year:

- With the formation of the Huntington Transportation Management Area, a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) required public transit human service coordination plan was completed.
- The Council was updated about the MAP-21 federal transportation reauthorization bill that was passed July 2, 2012. The FTA's guidance has been slow to come out of Washington. Only draft circulars pertaining to Section 5310 (seniors and individuals with disabilities plus New Freedom) and Section 5307 (urban) and Section 5311 (rural) have been released. The bill focuses on Title VI plans, increased safety requirements, asset management and contains major changes to the federal transit program.
- The Council discussed the issue of alternative fuels. Mr. Ben Shew, from the State Board of Education, discussed propane-powered school buses, noting the lower cost than other alternative fuels. The Chair said the Division of Public Transit was including Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) options for the Division's larger vehicle contracts, and noted that Kanawha Valley Regional Transit Authority (KVRTA) was exploring the possibility of CNG vehicles. In Morgantown, Mountain Line Transit Authority is researching electric vehicles, which would be fueled by the authority's new solar power station. The main concern with purchasing vehicles that use alternative fuels is the cost, the amount of time needed to fuel and the availability of fueling stations.

- The Council announces that two members have retired in 2013. Ben Shew, Department of Education, School Transportation, has been replaced on the Council by Mike Pickens, Executive Director. A replacement for Dan Hartwell, from the Bureau for Children and Families, DHHR, has not been named.
- 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.

**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**

**ATTACHMENT B: West Virginia Transportation Coordinating  
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