

2014
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
WEST VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION
COORDINATING COUNCIL

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General

During calendar year 2014, the Council held two meetings. The following information provides insight on the Council's activities during this past year:

- This year, the West Virginia Bureau of Medical Services awarded a Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Brokerage contract to a company named MTM. The council discussed the changes that the brokerage will make to the coordination efforts in the state.
- Chairperson Susan O'Connell announced that this year the Division of Public Transit procured services to update the Locally Developed Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for the state. Federal Transit Administration requirements state that the regional plans must be updated four years, however with the implementation of MAP-21, the Division felt that the update was needed sooner. The contract was awarded to RLS & Associates, and they have begun holding meetings in each of the State's eleven planning and development regions to gather information. Cabell and Wayne counties will not be included in the plans since they are in a transportation management area. A separate public transit human service transportation plan is required for this area which also includes parts of Ohio and Kentucky.
- The Council discussed the changes that MAP-21 legislation was making to the Section 5310 program, for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Due to the increase in 5310 funding, the Division was able to expand the contracted services program and now includes 16 agencies operating in 17 counties. It was thought that the funding could be potentially favorable to counties that have no transit services.

- The Council announced that one member has retired from the Council in 2014. Pat Woods, WV Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau of Medical Services, has been replaced on the Council by Tammy Pritt-Jones, Transportation Director.
- 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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