



REGIONAL TRANSIT DIALOGUE

Governance Subcommittee

June 1, 2009, 11:00 a.m.
ACOG Board Room, 21 E Main St., Suite 100
Oklahoma City, OK 73104

GOVERNANCE MISSION: *"To recommend a viable and efficient governing structure for a regional transit system in Central Oklahoma"*

AGENDA

I. Presentations:

a. Bob Kemper: Contracting Out Transit Operations

Bob Kemper gave a short presentation on how transit operations might be contracted out. He used a hypothetical template to calculate commuter rail operating expenses that he distributed to the group. He said he had contacted Hertzog, McDonald Transit Association, and Watco in order to obtain the "costs yet to be determined" and would report back on those projected costs when he received that information.

b. Turner Mann: Charlottesville Transit

Turner Mann gave a presentation on the status of Charlottesville's transit initiative. He said that they were very happy with the final report they were able to put together. However, they were not able to make any progress on its implementation yet due to lack of political and public support.

c. Guy Henson: Calgary Transit

Guy Henson gave a presentation on the Calgary Transit system. He provided the group with a system map and gave an overview of their system and capabilities. Most notably, Calgary funds their public transit system at almost identical levels as it does its highway system. The group speculated that such high funding levels would be highly unlikely in Central Oklahoma.

II. Examine the six models of regional transit entities

Meredith Williams gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the six models of regional transit entities as described in the Charlottesville Regional Transit Management and Governance document. The six regional transit entity models described were:

- 1) Legislatively Enabled Regional Transit Authority*
- 2) Transit Coordinating Council
- 3) Joint Powers Agency
- 4) Joint Powers Board
- 5) Transportation District*
- 6) Service District.*

*Denotes subcommittee's desire to study these models further

The subcommittee members asked the ACOG staff to compile a list of cities that used legislatively enabled RTAs, transportation districts, and service districts. They asked the focus to be on how the cities enforce policy, conduct fundraising, and the membership compilation (city, county, other institutions, etc.) in order to better compare what might work for the central Oklahoma region in regard to governance. ACOG staff was asked to focus on cities with a low-density population of one to two million people.

III. Examine the Oklahoma enabling legislation for Transportation Authorities

Bob Kemper said there is legislation already in place to form a Regional Transit Authority, but it would need to be amended in order to be operational. The subcommittee members suggested reviewing the current legislation to see what would need to be changed for it to be applicable.

IV. Plan for report of Steering Committee on June 17th

V. Adjourn