Providers Advisory Committee

Tuesday, November 10th, 2026 – 1:00pm – 1001 Woodward Ave Suite 1400

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Regional Strategic Projects
    a. Access to Transit Program
    b. Mobility4All – 5310 Call for Projects approach
    c. PAC Schedule
4. Coordination
    a. SEMCOG RTP + TIP Process
    b. MDOT Capital Match Process
    c. Mobile Fare Payment working group report out
5. Provider and Partner Updates
    a. DDOT
    b. MoGo
    c. People Mover
    d. SMART
    e. TheRide
    f. Oakland Transit
    g. RTA
    h. SEMCOG

Meeting Notes

Regional Strategic Projects

a. Access to Transit Program Presentation - KC (RTA)

i. ATP is an RTA program to improve infrastructure around key bus stops by providing funding and technical assistance to providers
ii. Began in Nov 2024 and since then the project has conducted an existing conditions technical memo, rider survey, quantitative evaluation criteria for scoring bus stop, and finalize the first 5 stops for this year's construction and funding
iii. 100 locations were identified for stop improvement and narrowed down to 20
iv. Potential outcomes of ATP are to increase ADA accessibility, reduce crashes, and increasing ridership
v. $8.1 Mil in funds through Sept 2029 to cover planning & construction
vi. ATP Kickoff with PAC in February 2027
vii. Ben emphasized it is critical for providers to look at the analysis to consolidate how we manage the list of the top 100 stops for improvements
viii. DPM mentioned willingness to support & wayfinding by April

b. Mobility4All – 5310 Call for Projects approach
i. RTA is designated recipient for SE Michigan region for 5310 grant funding and are responsible for distributing it amongst the region
ii. Target audience is Older adults & people with disabilities + low income
iii. Funding is designated by 2 UZA's (Detroit & Ann Arbor) larger need and population in Detroit distributed by DDOT & DTC and for Ann Arbor (SMART)
iv. Capital Projects are either traditional 55%(vehicle replacement, technology systems or equipment) and nontraditional 45% (travel training, operating expenses) & mobility management can be either or)
v. Categories of Funding: Capital, Operating, MM, & Administrative
vi. Alot of the same people are coming in for application every year (more than 80% of funding is awarded to past recipients)

vii. Ways to simplify the Program (Shifting from competitive to an approach that everyone has access to utilize)
    1. Create an applicant portal to mitigate having to renter information every year
    2. Use existing list of replacement vehicles for providers to jus select what vehicles they are applying for
    3. Formula for operating funds to ensure certainty of being funded
    4. Streamline Mobility Management approach to fund MyRide2 and Travel Training only to standardize MM in the region
viii. DDOT & MDOT proposed Possible Working Group for 5310 (Dina, Ian, Jonathan, Deanna, Sarah (DPM))
ix. DPM mentioned room for discretionary spending to be included in the formula

c. PAC Schedule
    i. Moving from quarterly to every other month
    ii. Calendar will be taken to the board in December
    iii. Next meeting will be in February

Coordination

a. SEMCOG RTP + TIP Process (Ally R.)
    i. Flow chart showing the process of getting a project into the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
    ii. SEMCOG is looking for feedback
        1. Ben (RTA) wants flow chart of who is doing what when
        2. Deanna (MDOT) mentioned adding the Flex (any funds that are not FTA) process and how it plays into that
b. RTP (Chris W.)
    i. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Vision 2055 was adopted in June of 2024 (developing an illustrative list)

ii. Plan sets vision of transportation visions for the years (plan gets updated every 4 years and should be adopted in October 2028)
iii. 1 CFP for TIP & RTP Projects
iv. Vision 2055 Kickoff will begin in Spring 2027 | Projects due in JobNet by December 2027
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vi. SEMCOG will be supporting the illustrative list that RTA will create

c. MDOT Capital Match Process
    i. Federal register comes out Feb/March
    ii. Use the FTA toolkit (how to submit all grant applications)
    iii. Work with FTA pre award manager to get everything approved
    iv. JobNet is the TIP
    v. MDOT pulls the TIP and gathers the info to send to RTA to confirm if everything is correct or what is missing
    vi. Award is received from FTA and then MDOT sends a contract
    vii. Reimbursements
        1. Within PTIMS, find the authorization and entering the billing information and invoice (submit for federal & state reimbursement) *there is a video training and Deanna will share with KC

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e. Mobile Fare Payment working group report out
    i. Will report out next meeting

Provider and Partner Updates

a. DDOT
    i. Just about done replacing all the cameras on the buses (live look in remotely to any bus at anytime) will be done by end of January including driver assist camera with audio indicator + driver monitoring camera to help identify signs of fatigue or not paying attention (in testing)
    ii. Purchasing ADA replacement buses
    iii. Rides to Rise program is continuously growing getting close to 50,000 student rides over the course of a week (Once new fairboxes are in DPSCD students will have ID cards to tap that can gather rider information)
b. MoGo
    i. City of Detroit (Office of Mobility & Innovation) + DDOT has collected almost all the bikes and are at DDOT
    ii. DDP has paused the system
    iii. City of Detroit is leading a coalition is looking at what it would look like to relaunch MoGo (sponsors, etc) and needs support identifying funders (GM foundation)
    iv. Hoping to have a plan in February
    v. Developing a microtransit system & retrofitted bus
c. People Mover
    i. Currently undertaking a few capital projects
    ii. Just met with Hitachi (OEM for DPM) for TTC vehicles and is on board to secure any additional parts for their current fleet

iii. Planning study on what it will cost to bring in new trains and expansion (Sarah is currently scoping it)
iv. FTA Facilities grant to update maintenance facility and how is it going to flow better
v. New lighting will go up at Greektown station
vi. Renaissance Center redevelopment will involve DPM and will go to city council soon
vii. One challenge has been uncontrolled service disruption (trains are 39 years old) DPM has a new maintenance manager and is moving towards better reliability and new trains. Intention is to get parts replaced so they can run 2 & 3 trains running
viii. DPM swag is available and will send out store link

d. SMART
    i. Placed an order for 60 replacement fixed route buses that will show up in 2028
    ii. Have not heard from DOT Build Grant waiting on DOT to kickoff project
    iii. Both Wayne & Macomb County millages passed and planning for 3 new routes and a flex zone in April

e. TheRide
    i. Progress on Ypsi Transit Center
    ii. IPAF grant to support BRT planning
    iii. Park & Ride concept is being studied currently; still looking at sites for expansion of bus garage

f. Oakland Transit
    i. Received 15 letters of intent for 2027 ATP program
    ii. Contract phase is done for the year

g. RTA
    i. Transit App 1 Year Anniversary

h. SEMCOG
    i. No Update