

## **Minuteman RCC Meeting Notes for 4/15/14**

### **In attendance:**

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The group went around the room and did introductions. Then Theadora Fisher from MassMobility introduced the Executive Order 530 report and presented on RCC formation.

We also went over other groups that are working on transportation coordination issues:

- **CrossTown Connect**
  - Acton-centered Transportation Management Association. Working with surrounding towns and businesses to increase transportation options in the region. Focusing on commuters, reverse commuters, and residents of the five communities that have signed on.
- **Middlesex3**
  - An initiative of five towns along the Route 3 corridor, including Chelmsford, Billerica, Bedford, Burlington, and Wilmington.
- **495 Partnership**
  - Ten years old now, the 495 partnership was instrumental in launching the MWRTA, and has been engaged with transportation issues as part of its mission since the beginning. They are also constantly expanding, and currently cover the area around Route 495 from Foxborough to Westford.

The group then had a brainstorm session on what transportation modes are prevalent in the region, and then included modes that could become prevalent in the future.

[list from flipchart]

There are also sources of data available

- Coordinated Plan
- MAGIC transportation study

Brainstorm for who else should be part of the group:

- Healthcare providers & hospitals!

Questions and thoughts from the group:

- We should coordinate with the elected officials – state and federal
  - We should keep them in the loop but also make targeted asks
  - Maybe the group could pick 2-3 legislative issues to work on with the delegation
  - Reach out to gubernatorial candidates to educate them about transportation & get buy-in for the new administration

- School buses could be used for other transportation but it is hard to connect with the education side of things
  - There are a few communities who are working on this
- Need to be careful about funding – don't want to compete for funding that is supporting other services in the area that are essential
- We need door-to-door transportation for seniors and people with disabilities
- We should leverage infrastructure that already exists
  - Regional Transit Authorities – help maximize transfer points, particularly for paratransit services (connecting to The RIDE as well)
- Afternoon transportation for school-age youth is an issue, particularly in summertime
  - The CHNA has identified this as an issue as well
- Transportation issues exist for people living in the new affordable housing that is being built under Chapter 40B
- Need to invite healthcare entities and hospitals to participate in transportation conversations
- Should invite MPOs to participate in RCC as well – Minuteman region has at least two
- Need to be conscious of the time sink that these groups and meetings can be for local providers – make sure that the work is being done efficiently

**Plan for meetings:**

- Idea is to share information among participants and also feed information back to the state level
- Share success stories
- Meet every two months
  - Maybe hold conference calls as well
  - Create sub-groups to work on specific projects
- Could create a 5-year transportation plan with goals for the Minuteman region
- Franny Osman from Acton and Andrew Scribner from Maynard have agreed to be co-chairs of the RCC. A third co-chair from a town that is more on the edge of the region would be welcome to join the team, to make sure that the perspective of the whole region is represented.