



Cranberry Area Transit Study Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 8, 2004
Meeting No. 2

Minutes by Jamie L. Brush

The Cranberry Area Transit Study Steering Committee held its second meeting on Thursday, April 8, 2004 from 1:00-2:30 PM at the Cranberry Township Municipal Building. The following people attended:

| NAME | REPRESENTING |
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| John Milius, Co-Chair | Cranberry Township Board of Supervisors |
| Dave Johnston, Co-Chair | Butler County Planning Commission |
| Dan Santoro | Cranberry Township |
| John Paul | Butler Township-City Joint Municipal Transit Authority |
| Carol Uminski | Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission |
| Scott Vetere | Port Authority of Allegheny County |
| Greg Kausch | Beaver County Transit Authority |
| Maureen Frumen | Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board |
| Bob Kuhn | Butler Area Rural Transit |
| Dee Hoffman | Cranberry Township Senior Citizens Club |
| Bruce Ahern | Michael Baker Jr., Inc. |
| Carla Santoro | Michael Baker Jr., Inc. |
| Glenda Murphy | Olszak Management Consulting, Inc. |
| Jamie Brush | Olszak Management Consulting, Inc. |

Presentation

John Milius, Co-Chair welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Bruce Ahern continued with the meeting agenda.

- Throughout April and May the project team will put together a set of working alternatives.

Glenda Murphy spoke about current and future community outreach efforts.

- There is definitely a need for transit in the area.
- Local homeowners associations would like a commuting service to Pittsburgh as well as a local circulator service.
- Seniors in the area have voiced a need for transit to and from medical appointments as well as the county seat in Butler City.
- Seniors also suggested having buses with lower steps for easy access.

- Major employers in the study area suggested 24 hour service to accommodate all employment shifts.
- UPMC Passavant Cranberry saw a need for transit for workers in the low-moderate wage scale including housekeeping and food service employees. Also suggested was an on demand service for patients.

Scott Vetere: We distributed about 300 comment forms and fact sheets to park-n-ride users at the Bladerunners and Warrendale Park-n-Rides. People we spoke with seemed very interested in transit.

John Milius: Can we get all of the public officials in the study area united somehow?

Bruce: If we go to the public officials with a specific agenda and proper notice we can get the public officials interested.

John Paul: We need public consensus before we go to the public officials.

Glenda Murphy: Maybe the best way to unite these officials is to have an invitation to get involved come from the Cranberry Board of Supervisors directly.

John Milius: We need to have the backing of these public officials.

Glenda Murphy: If anyone has any further suggestions for outreach targets please contact me.

Glenda Murphy discussed the project website.

- The website will be up and running by next week.
- The Steering Committee meeting minutes will be password protected for limited access.
- Jamie Brush will send out an email with website address, user name, and password to the committee.

Dan Santoro: Will the comment forms be able to be submitted online?

Maureen Frumen: On a similar project we saw that the majority of people liked to submit their comment forms online.

Glenda Murphy: That will be looked in to.

Bruce Ahern spoke about the technical team start-up, the PENNDOT report and plan coordination and the Beaver County Transit Authority facilities' tour.

John Milius: Do we need a lobbyist? Someone who knows all of the areas public officials in order to get them on board with this project?

Bruce Ahern: We first need a plan before we talk to the public officials in detail.

John Paul: I've spoken with the local senator and representative and both have indicated that they want to know what the needs are and what our alternatives are.

John Milius: We need to do whatever we can to get the local public officials involved as much as possible in order to make this thing happen.

John Milius thanked everyone for coming and encouraged the committee and project team to continue the good work.

Next Steps

- The project team will continue to schedule community outreach meetings.
- The technical team will develop a set of working alternatives.
- The Steering Committee will reconvene on June 10 at 1:00 at the Cranberry Township Municipal Building.