

Yellowstone-Teton Regional Transportation Cooperative
Steering Committee Workshop, July 9, 2009 1:30-4:30pm
West Yellowstone, Montana
Human Services/ Local Demand Team Meeting Notes

Team Participants (and contact information):

- Tim Solomon, Regional Development Alliance, Idaho Falls, ID. (tim@rdaidaho.org)
- Ken Bullock, Partners for Prosperity, Blackfoot, ID. (kenb@p4peid.org)
- Pierre Martineau, Mayor, West Yellowstone, MT. (bluedodger59758@yahoo.com)
- Matt Queen, Area 6 Agency on Aging, Idaho Falls, ID. (mqueen@eicap.org)
- Expressed interest in this group, but unable to attend meeting:
 - o Denise Myler, IMAP Dist 6 Coordinator, ID.
 - o Tom and Cleo Lealos, Low Vision Support Group, Powell, WY.
- Lisa Ballard (Current Transportation Solutions, ITS consultant), Diane Gasaway (NW Co-op Development Center), Jeff Osgood (Yellowstone Business Partnership) stopped in to sit in on the group for some of the discussion.
- Kyle Babbitt (Kyle Babbitt Consulting: kbabbitt@fairpoint.net) facilitated the group and wrote up the notes.

Since it was a small group with representation from mostly Idaho and one from Montana, the Human Services or "Local Demand" team introduced themselves, and then shared who they represented and/or had additional contact. They then focused on who would use the system; who should be invited to be part of the discussion or had research information; what ITS support was needed; other items to not get lost; and Team Tasks. After listing potential audiences, they went back over the lists and made preliminary assignments for gathering contact information.

To continue the process, the team decided to meet together in person the next time at a site with a telephone for a conference call for anyone else who wanted to be added in and could not attend in person. Tim Solomon offered his office conference room (Idaho Innovation Center, 2300 N Yellowstone, Idaho Falls) and offered lunch if that was needed. They planned to meet on August 6th at 10:45am to move forward on this assignment. Matt Queen shared that he is going to be called up for National Guard training soon, but will attend and share as much information as he can before he leaves for a few months (date unknown).

Group Audiences: (which groups do you personally work with or have contact with?)

- Seniors (PIERRE) (MATT -? 9706- 9 cities??)
- Persons with Disabilities. (PIERRE) (KEN)
- Youth (Sports). (PIERRE)

- Businesses. (TIM)
- University: Workers to school. (TIM)
- Workers to work- daily transportation.
- Workers- Park Displacements (NPS employees that have been released from their work assignments end up in West Yellowstone).(PIERRE)
- Commuters.
- Low income: Hispanics. (KEN)
- Tribal members. (KEN)
- Students. (KEN)

Missing audiences/representation on team: (Who could use/support a system? Give input to the team?)

- Teens (Idaho Assoc of Cities Leadership Youth Council- Ashton? Idaho Falls?)
- “ Green” Audiences – 22-34 yrs. (someone from YBP Sustainability Program?)
- Recreationalist – local resident (should make sure covered in Tourism group if not this group).
ie: Travel from IF to West Yellowstone through Park and back.
- Students – to store. (Student Council Rep)
 - o To next town.
 - o To sites.
- Park Worker – getting out of the park to see site/shop.
- Veteran Services.
- University: (Have bus systems, people that need rides, may have research information)
 - o MSU- Western – Dillon, MT.
 - o MSU- Bozeman, MT.
 - o BYU Idaho – Rexburg, ID.
 - o ISU – Pocatello, ID. (KEN)
 - o U of I, University Place- Idaho Falls, ID.
 - o I Tech- Idaho Falls, ID.
 - o Powell Junior College – WY.
 - o Western WY- Rock Springs.
 - o BSU – Public Policy Center – Stephanie Witt (KYLE)
- Education:
 - o Continuing Education.
 - o School districts – Buses used in the summer?? (Need to contact State Depts of ED for possibilities –not at district level?)
- INL – commuters. (TAD- IMAP contact)
- Dept of Aging:
 - o Helena, MT. (Charles Aagenes) (MATT, KEN)
 - o Cheyenne, WY (Tom Leolos from Powell, WY expressed interest in the group- also a contact for people with physical challenges.)

- Large Employers: (Who has riders that may use the system? Buy rides for staff? May want to be involved in this system as a provider or buy rides for using it to get to work?)
 - o Grand Targhee/Ski Resorts (here at meeting)
 - o Melaluka- Rexburg, ID.
 - o Yellowstone National Park (here).
 - o Grand Teton National Park (here)
 - o Delaware North (here)
 - o Xanterra (here)
 - o Public Lands – seasonal staff.
 - USFS.
 - BLM.
 - Dept of Lands.
 - o Windham Resort/ Trend West- West Yellowstone, MT. (PIERRE)
 - o Hospitality- Chambers of Commerce (Could have data sources).
 - o Hospitals- ERM/ CLINICS.
 - o Simplot- Pocatello, ID.
 - o Monsanto – Pocatello, ID.
 - o Basic American Foods- potato processors- Idaho.
 - o Lambweston – Idaho Falls, ID.
 - o Malls – Idaho Falls, ID; Bozeman, MT.
 - o Occasional users.
 - o Reminder: to include ourselves as users/ locals!!

Side issue: housing impacts on workers and locals trying to find/keep a job.

Team Tasks:

- Identify “appropriate” (define?) users and team participants.

- Guide the process of the feasibility study.
- Gather data or contacts for data.
- Invite others to join in to complete the team from all 3 states.
- Advocate for a regional transportation system.
- Individual Assignments given and completed.
- Set a meeting schedule.
- Facilitator shares info with the other facilitators and groups.
- Facilitator sends assignments back to the committee(s).
- Get info back from assignments.
- Information set to Jeff for inclusion into the feasibility study.
- What needed? – more info gathered.

GATHER DATA / survey results on demands (contact names):

- Dept of Aging- website , stats for seniors (MATT to ask Sister ____)
- Vocational Education/ rehabilitation:
 - o ID- Bruce Small (KEN)
 - o MT-
 - o WY-
- Dept of Health and Welfare:
 - o MT- Pat Sanders (LISA)
 - o ID -
 - o WY-
- Veterans:
 - o MT-
 - o ID - Melissa Hartman (KEN)
 - o WY-
- Seasonal workers:
 - o Rural Development centers.
 - o Idaho Rural Partnership.
 - o “Migrant”(has a new name) Council (KEN)
- Tribal Members:
 - o MT-
 - o ID – Fort Hall – Richard Thompson (KEN)
 - o IMAP District- Pocatello/ Idaho Falls – Richard Betzer (KEN)
 - o Kids with disabilities/ limitations.
- CEO’s of Businesses- Julie Pipal (TIM S)

Ideas/ Comments for other groups:

FOR ITS (Lisa Ballard):

- Connection to university linguists= visual/ sign/ language interpreters/ translators.
- Info centers:
 - o At stops by paper or phone.
 - o At stops in an electronic kiosk.
 - o By computer.
 - o By calling in to a phone number to a person.

FOR REC/TOURISM (Lorraine):

- Don't forget the local residents wanting to tour around our GYE area.

Missing from the Process (passing name of group to other possible teams to see if involved yet)

- State Tourism Departments: WY- Diane S; MT-Victor B; ID- Karen B. (AGENCY, TOURISM)
- State Dept of Labor/ Workforce. (AGENCY, MARKETING?)
- State Transportation Depts: ITD; WDOT; MDOT (AGENCY- Been contacted about this project).