

Topic: Transportation

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Discussion Summary:

- Electric-powered truck – as mode of transportation
- Light Rail -Special Transit needs – 50 and older, interrelated needs.
- Getting around the region. Western Wyandotte to far eastern Missouri. Community vision for transportation Intergrated transportation network and function. Private citizen, public transportation
- Resources for foster care youth – limited transportation.
- Complete transportation regional – connecting all. Public transit – cheaper, attached car garages – polarization of community** Walker – implementation of a light rail system – what is it going to take - connectivity.
- Small things – making what we currently utilize more efficient. Transportation – connecting talent with transportation to jobs, unavailability of bus lines. Broad spectrum of ground base transportation – from walking to light rail – bicycling – following trends of Europe to have access to community without vehicles.
- Built environment – relationship with regional layout, household location - consideration, by shortening the distances between home and need. How we get access to the things we need to live successful lives.
- Appalled with public transportation – NO regional transit. Separate transit options. Critical need for today, no system maps. ANGRY, need intergrated self-sustaining community. Acting like a small town vs. metropolitan. In comparison to San Diego, we have no options of transit.
- Alternatives – politics, grants, regional metro transportation. Needs to start at the top. Where is the top? IF MARC – WPA option, interstate vs. regional options.
- More costly due to lack of density. What is the cost of the light rail vs. a bus from one end to the other? Nonprofit options for funding. Widen our horizons, be imaginative. No good options for modes of transportation. Electric is a viable option. Environment can't be changed.
- What is going to take to make a community? Sidewalks, highway fund is broke. How to fund? Gov't 2010 - decision, sidewalks, park and rides, transit modes. Golf carts, slow-moving options, horses. How to get people to where they connect? Brainstorming..... ideas.
- What personal steps can be taken to move toward a solution: Use what is around, spend money in surroundings. Bicycling to the grocery store and shop. Stay in the small neighborhood with nearby shopping options. What could we do to make driving more efficient? Time the lights. The assumption is driving more.... public transportation is at a all-time high. More roundabouts. Moving people to transportation - Plan for rerouting the bus system.
- What is the need for mode of transportation for disabled? Consider how we deal with transportation to help social programs, as many people as possible. Lack of infrastructure for walking. Handicap accessibility. Mandate for community sidewalks.
- Contact list for further conversation.
- There is an express bus for those who currently have vehicles. Living close to home. Create a form of triage in the region. Deliberately focus transportation in the core of the city for transit-dependent population. Focus transit service. Choose to refocus transit and extend our services. Completing services vs. extending services.
- A need for those who need the services to locate themselves in a place within the region. Limitation of growth.
- Actively engaged, MARC website, transportation comments on-line engagement. We need to look at sidewalks, density. Our standard of living good with a relatively low cost. CHOICES, lights, sustainable options.

Meeting time: Session 1: 9:30 a.m.

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