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FUTURE PLANNING & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Monday, June 1, 2020 – 8:30 a.m.

Rapid Administrative Office, 300 Ellsworth Avenue, SW

AGENDA

	<u>PRESENTER</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
1. PUBLIC COMMENT		
2. MINUTES REVIEW – February 20, 2020	Terry Schweitzer	Approval
3. DISCUSSION		
a. COVID Planning Update	Andrew Johnson	Information
b. COA Update	Nick Monoyios	Information
c. Technology Update	Andy Prokopy	Information
1) Wave Card		
2) Remote Working		
3) Software Applications		
d. TOD Study Update	Max Dillivan	Information
4. ADJOURNMENT		

Next meeting: August 17, 2020



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FUTURE PLANNING & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 20, 2020 – 11 a.m.

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ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members Present:

Dave Bulkowski, Jack Hoffman, Terry Schweitzer, Paul Troost

Committee Members Absent:

Ryan Anderson, Mayor Rosalynn Bliss, Robert Postema

Staff Attendees:

Nancy Groendal, Julie Ilbrink, Andrew Johnson, Bill Kirk, Asher Lockwood, Steve Luther, Linda Medina, Nick Monoyios, Jason Prescott, Dina Reed, Steve Schipper, Mike Wieringa

Other Attendees:

Mr. Schweitzer called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

2. MINUTES – November 4, 2019 Future Planning & Technology Committee Meeting

Minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.

3. DISCUSSION

a. Comprehensive Operational Analysis Presentation

Mr. Dillivan presented the Comprehensive Operational Analysis. The power point presentation will be included with the minutes.

Mr. Schweitzer inquired about the Silver Line going along Ransom Avenue, which seemed like a pinch point previously. He asked if there have been changes made to this route. Mr. Johnson shared that we need to stay with the route at this time. Mr. Dillivan shared the on-street width on Ransom is too narrow for parking and a travel lane; parking would need to be removed in order to make that route more manageable.

Mr. Dillivan showcased the proposed on-demand zone in the Walker area. On the hour, passengers could catch the bus from two locations. These vehicles would be available as specific times, and would be able to pick up at the business entrance, while dropping off at the bus station. This may be done through a call-ahead line or app on their phone. The result is covering more of the business sector.

Mr. Bulkowski asked whether a partnership with Wheels to Work would be beneficial to the overall plan. Group also discussed Route 12, Route 18, and extending line to Meijer on Plainfield. Group asked about renumbering the split tail routes in order to avoid confusion for those going to either Meijer or the Vet's Facility. Team will look into this to make sure services to the Meijer Gardens are not interrupted.

Mr. Schweitzer shared that Route 28 is currently going to the YMCA on Burton Street. The fixed ridership is very low, but the Go!Bus ridership is steady. Cascade Township was okay with the route change as long as the YMCA was serviced by paratransit transportation.

Mr. Bulkowski shared some insight into each of the scenarios and expressed he is excited to see what the public community will say about these proposals. He is looking forward to seeing the eventual fourth scenario developed from the pieces of the first three scenarios.

Mr. Hoffman shared he is concerned about asking to increase the millage at this point, especially as the overall ridership numbers are falling. Mr. Bulkowski stated he understands, but we also need to look at is as transportation opportunities for the coming generation.

Mr. Schweitzer asked the group if they see any red flags with the proposals. Mr. Hoffman shared that while those that are used to taking specific routes that will be eliminated may be unhappy, however, there are many things that will be improved. Mr. Johnson expressed our desire to make the entire program better as we move into the future.

4. AJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.
The next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,



Julie Ilbrink, Board Secretary