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***Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority
Transportation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2019***

The Transportation Advisory Board of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority met at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 19, 2019, at the Peggy M Seegars Senior Center, 2001 E Ash Street.

Members in attendance: Paula Edwards, Chair, Keith Spivey, Vice-Chair, Amy Hartley, Secretary, Venessia Hill, Steve Wiggins, Aaron Stryker, Cynthia Juliano, Valerie Wallace, and Diana Campbell.

Members absent: Joanna Morrisette, Tiffany Creech, Bob Dively, Barbara Aycock, Edward Cromartie, Chip Crumpler, Shycole Simpson-Carter, Brenda Dubose, and Patrick Flanagan.

Others in attendance: Don Willis and LaShonda Oliver.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Steve Wiggins and seconded by Keith Spivey, the Transportation Advisory Board of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority unanimously approved the minutes of June 26, 2019.

There were no public comments offered.

Director's Report

Financial

The rural program is showing a gain of \$51,655.92 in July. The urban program is showing a loss of \$1.01 in July. The urban funds will remain about balanced throughout most of the year due to the grant reimbursement process.

Due to the state budget hold up, the FY19-20 ROAP application has not yet been released by the NCDOT. Once released GWTA will work with Wayne County as in past years to timely submit the application for these operating funds which are used to buy trips for the elderly, disabled, and rural public.

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NCDOT has released the FY20-21 Community Transportation Program (CTP) application package. This grant will fund GWTA's rural Administrative expenses. In addition, the call for projects includes Capital projects and additional Rural State Operating (RSO) funds which we have used for the Mount Olive Service and additional rural trip demands. NCDOT and GWTA are projecting ten (10) vehicles at useful life to be replaced in this grant cycle. Applications are due by October 4, 2019.

Medicaid reform will be affecting transportation services and is planned for our area in February of 2020. GWTA is actively participating in the process through our state association and working with the several private brokers to generically develop acceptable terms for the continued provision of these transportation services to our customers. GWTA is requesting permission to negotiate new billing rates and terms with these private brokers. The potential for revenues from these services decreasing could impact the rates we currently offer to other county departments.

Ridership

Ridership on the rural program for FY2018-19 was 69,410. This represents an increase of 6% from the prior fiscal year. The increase in services has traditionally benefited the rural revenue. However, the growth in services provided by the rural program to the urban program has not been sustainable and went beyond the available urban matching budget in fiscal year 2019. Urban bus ridership was 204,065. This represents a 2% decrease and is related to lost operating days in September during the hurricane.

TAB Membership Updated

The Board of Directors received recommendations from the TAB and made appointment of four (4) new members to the TAB. TAB orientation and refresher training is required and will be a part of the September meeting. Don Willis informed the new TAB members of the requirements and expectations as members of the TAB. In addition, the new members received the required documentations of the TAB.

EDTAP and Agency Use of Funds

Willis shared a draft ROAP application with the TAB for their review. GWTA is proposing a simple application process to be used with agencies who use the EDTAP funds supplied through the NCDOT. The process will help clarify responsibilities and how GWTA and agencies can better coordinate and track use of the funds provided.

Mount Olive Service Update

GWTA worked with Mount Olive to update our service brochures during July. The route map now includes designated stops throughout the town as well. We also had the new brochures translated into French Creole and Spanish. Service was reduced from 14 hours to 8 hours per day for Mount Olive in July. GWTA offered a fare free service the week of July 4th to assist with the reduced service. There was 105 circulator trips and 68 connector trips performed in July. Cost of service (split 50/50 between grant and the Town) was \$6,114.24. We received \$179 in farebox revenue from riders.

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Outreach & Activities

Director attended Medicaid Transportation Roundtable discussions with NCHHS, NCDOT, and representatives from transportation broker companies on July 9th and also on September 10th. Director and Board members Shycole Simpson-Carter and Bob Waller participated in dedicating a “Little Free Library” at the Transfer Center on July 10th. The good news about this partnership was also published in a national transit industry periodical distributed by the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA). Director participated in the RPO meeting held in LaGrange on August 1st. Director attended Board of Directors meeting for the state transportation association (NCPTA) in Boone on August 2nd. GWTA participated in a Job Fair at Work Source East on August 7th. Director participated at the MPO meeting on August 12th. Director participated at Mayors Disability Council meeting on August 15th. GWTA participated in a “Touch a Truck” event on Saturday August 24th. Director participated in an NCDOT training on urban 5307 grant funds on September 12th.

Training

All employees received training on emergency evacuation procedures on July 25th, and received refresher training on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) at the monthly meeting on August 29th. Defensive Driving and Pedestrian Safety training is planned for September 26th.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by: LaShonda Oliver