



Memo

To: Brenda Ahlberg
From: Jennifer Beckmann, Executive Director
CC: File
Date: 10/14/2015
Re: Resolution

Central Area Rural Transit System, Inc. (CARTS) is requesting a resolution supporting the Central/Southern Public Transit Human Services Community Coordination Plan and Project Priorities as required by the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities Transit Office in order to be eligible to apply for both federal and state transit funding. Per the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) program Map-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act), projects funded by Section 5310: Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities, and the Alaska Mental Health Trust, must be derived from a locally developed coordinated public transit human services transportation plan that is supported by a local governing body. The coordinated plan is intended to provide a range of strategies to promote and advance local efforts to improve transportation options. Projects derived from the coordinated plan must also be prioritized annually and have a local governing body resolution supporting the work and intent of that prioritization.

The Central/Southern Public Transit Human Services Community Coordination Plan is comprised of representatives from Central Area Rural Transit (lead agency i.e. DOT&PF's contact), Alaska Cab, Independent Living Center, Serenity House, Change 4 the Kenai, Peninsula Community Health Services, Ionia, City of Soldotna, City of Kenai, Kenaitze Indian Tribe, State of Alaska Public Assistance, and Frontier Community Services This working group participated in a two day workshop in August 2015 to update the coordinated plan. In addition, a representative from the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities was also in attendance to provide guidance on coordinated plan requirements. Additional meetings have been held 9/18 and 10/6/15.

At this time Jennifer Beckmann with CARTS is the lead agency. The lead agency's function is to assure plan updates and project prioritizations are completed and submitted to AKDOT&PF and serves as the point of contact for AKDOT&PF.

By supporting the update to the Central/Southern Public Transit Human Services Community Coordination Plan and approving the prioritized project list the Borough is accomplishing the pre-requisite to apply for FTA Section 5310 and Alaska Mental Health Trust funding through the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities for SFY17.

The Borough is not making a financial commitment with the support of the coordinated plan and approval of the project priorities for submission to AKDOT&PF.