

1 **Minutes**

2 Kankakee County Transportation Committee

3 2<sup>nd</sup> floor – Kankakee County Administration Building

4 189 E. Court Street, Kankakee, Illinois.

5 Audio/Video Meeting

6 **Tuesday, January 30, 2024 @ 10:30 AM**

7 Members in attendance: Laura Dick – Show Bus, Megan Wileman – AgeGuide, Erin Richey –  
8 Good Shepard Manor, Jeanette Tetreault – Thresholds

9 Members of the public in attendance: Leanne Gregoire – Catholic Charities

10 Staff Members present: Ben Wilson, Michelle Sadler, & Rob Fischer

11 **Call to Order:**

12 Meeting was called to order at 10:33 AM

13 A quorum of committee members was not established.

14 **Meeting Minutes:**

15 There were no prior meeting minutes approved, as there was not a quorum established.

16 **Public Comment:**

17 There was no comment from the public.

18 **Consolidated Vehicle Program (CVP) approval:** Members discussed the recent notice from  
19 IDOT in which the notices for awarded vehicles was set to appear in the “Blackcat” system in  
20 the coming days. The committee discussed that those who applied for the CVP grants via the  
21 “Rebuild Illinois” program, may not be part of the CVP awards during this round.

22 Those who ordered vehicles through the CVP program should be “ok”, members concluded.  
23 Models available include a side-entry version, as well as two different styles of rear entry  
24 vehicle.

25 **HSTP Coordinator Update:**

26 There was no update at this time.

27 **Agency Transportation Needs, Interagency Coordination and Accessibility Issues:**

28 **Other Counties** in Region 6 Issues – SHOW BUS – Laura Dick discussed tour buses carrying  
29 migrants not being allowed into the City of Chicago or the collar counties during certain hours.  
30 She also mentioned that different agencies have coordinated to help those on buses who are in  
31 need.

32 **Disability/Aging/Transportation Issues:**

33 Good Shepard Manor’s Erin Richey expressed gratitude toward the CVP program, as did  
34 Tetreault of Thresholds, who mentioned she planned on checking the status of her application  
35 in the near future. Leanne Gregoire spoke to the committee about Catholic Charities efforts in  
36 giving rides to well over one hundred different riders, and planned to do so until their funding  
37 for doing such is depleted.

38 **Medical service provider comments:**

39 There was not a representative from the Kankakee County Health Department present.  
40 However, committee members expressed thanks for the more frequent updates from the  
41 department regarding COVID-19.

42 **Government Agency comments:**

43 Megan Wileman of Age Guide told committee members she was grateful to see recent funding  
44 allocated towards helping older Americans. Ben Wilson, on behalf of Kankakee County, added  
45 that he was present during a recent rural transit audit, which he called a “very positive review”.  
46 He also added that Title IV updates will be brought forth in the near future.

47 **Program Status of Transportation Providers:**

48 Laura Dick discussed her recent interactions with RTAC (Rural Transit Assistance Center), and  
49 added that her agency has surplus parts available for those with vehicles in need of them.

50 **New Business**

51 None at this time.

52 **Media Questions**

53 There were no questions from the media.

54 **Next Meeting**

55 The next meeting of the KCTC is slated for 10:30AM on April 30th, 2024.

56 **Meeting adjourned**

57 The meeting ended at 10:57 AM.