MINUTES FOR MAY 5, 2021

GIFT Special Board Meeting

Western Transportation Institute – Andrea Hamre and David Kack (Executive Director of WTI) from Bozeman, MT. Joined the Idaho Falls project around January 2021. Part of Montana State University. Money directly from DOT to study transit.

Working on rural transportation for over 25 years.

Arlington, TX just went to exclusively microtransit.

Customer satisfaction for microtransit is extremely high in survey results.

MZD asked how accessible this service is for seniors and those with disabilities. Paratransit eligible folks it provides curb-to-curb system. Provide uses numbers to discover how many of their fleet vehicles need curb-to-curb with accessible vehicles. About 1/3 of vehicles being accessible usually allows us to meet the demand of these customers. Will require paratransit service as part of the contract with the third party provider.

Mobile app doesn’t work for everyone and most providers have a phone and web option for ordering a ride.

Michael Walker joined us at 12:25.

Arlington, TX has a budget of $8M. Can you break down the resources? Have state funds and some more rural communities there that this made sense for. There about 60 vehicles that will be deployed. May end up feeling like fixed route and microtransit could be the solution.

$2M per year range is our expected budget at this point.

CARES Act would take care of the entire funding for a two-year pilot project (FTA). It must be sustainable. Collect local match during that time to give FTA a sense of what we could collect and sustain.

FAST Act expires the end of Sept. What does the next long term bill look like for Federal dollars.

Move to pilot mircor Lisa – Mike, motion passes