**Transportation Subcommittee Meeting Notes – 5/23/2024**

* Introduced new member from MO Rides
* Working Group report out
  + Rural - planning a meeting for June
  + Urban - need new facilitator; no decision made on new facilitator
* Summary of Town Halls
  + Related to transportation: heard many times about issue of recruiting and retaining drivers so folks can use transit to be able to efficiently live their lives
  + Scheduling transportation continues to be an issue
  + Make sure that when addressing the key takeaways and topics, it's noted that there is a lot of overlap and interplay between subcommittee topics and many things that need to happen concurrently to achieve these goals
* Other discussion points and important topics
  + Walkability
    - Walkability: Missouri Complete Streets Advisory Committee has a toolkit online of resources (where communities can address the walkability issue): <https://www.mocompletestreets.com/resources/>
    - Walkability includes: Tree roots breaking up sidewalks, tree limbs along sidewalks that are a hazard to people who are blind, missing sidewalks, lack of shelter or seating at bus stops - all these are issues named by the STL Metropolitan Alliance for Reliable Transit (S.M.A.R.T.).
  + Insurance
    - How does insurance work for providers around the state? Public transit providers have to meet minimum requirements for insurance. Expensive, many requirements.
    - For volunteer driver program, lots of requirements they must meet. Cost of insurance has increased so much in the past few years - so hard to afford along with other operational costs. Cost of insurance seems to be biggest hurdle.
* Vision - what transportation looks like in 10-20 years. Includes transportation modes and needs
  + Always merge needs of people who are older and those who have disabilities of all ages, as their needs are similar. There has been a lot of recent successful organizing around paratransit services, especially in the St. Louis area.
  + Also related is recruiting and retaining driving staff
  + Economic impact around transportation is huge – there is economic impact on workers who rely on the transport, the transport staff, etc.
  + Health impact analysis needed before making public decisions. When people are isolated, their health declines. Make sure to add in a health analysis anytime transportation work/decisions being made
* Overlap between all the subcommittees
* Resources shared, including other states' master plans on aging. Colorado has chapter on rural transportation
* 2024 Meeting Schedule
  + Statewide needs assessment will go live June 10, so there will be data coming in from that that the subcommittee will review
  + Next meeting mid-late August, then monthly or every other month to finish out the year