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National Capital Region

Federal ETC Advisory Committee

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

1st Floor | 777 North Capital Street, NE

Washington, DC 20002

April 26, 2011 | 1:30p to 3:30p

Meeting Notes

Meeting came to order: 1:40pm

Chair Comments

By incorporating the conference call feature in our meeting, our meeting attendance did increase and your participation is appreciated. We will incorporate this feature for future meetings but space is very limited. I encourage you all to make an effort to attend the meetings and foster a rewarding camaraderie with fellow ETC's. We are not going to stop there, WE NEED YOU! We need your feedback, ideas, and thoughts on how to make this Advisory committee relevant to today's federal employee transportation issues and challenges. Based on the feedback that was received at the meeting, I will be sending invites for information and other items. Focus groups will be created so we can gather information and better serve the ETC community. Please stay tuned for more information.

Agenda items:

Discussions: All PowerPoint presentations will be available online at www.federaletc.org

TransBen Presentation – Jeremy Brollier, Chris Greenslade and Tim Swafford joined us via conference call to discuss their organization and how they can help federal agencies who utilize Metrocards work through the transition by offering their transit voucher product for use. WMATA has partnered with TransBen to assist employers work through the Metrocard transition without disruption by providing this transportation benefit to its customers. They also work with vanpool systems VPSI and Enterprise. The TransBen presentation is available for viewing at www.federaletc.org. For additional information on TransBen please visit their website at <http://www.tranben.com/>

Bike to Work Day Presentation – Nick Ramfos updated the group on the upcoming event coming on May 20th. He also discussed the Employer Challenge where the top 5 employers with the most participation will win a free luncheon and a bike rack will be donated to the winning organizations. If you are interested in making your location a Pit Stop for Bike to Work Day in coming years please attend the Bike to Work Steering Committee beginning in September. For more information, please contact Doug Franklin at 202.962.3300. To register for Bike to Work Day please visit www.waba.org



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There was also discussion regarding where cyclists will shower after the event. Even though most federal buildings have facilities, Katy Sobush of CDC referenced a Public Law that mandates federal buildings to provide locker room/shower facilities for such usage. We will investigate further. The Public Law that was referenced was Public Law, Title 5, Part 3; Subsection F; Chapter 79; Section 79.05

StreetSmart Campaign presentation – Mike Farrell of Commuter Connections highlighted the StreetSmart Campaign which sheds light on pedestrian, cyclists' safety. For more information on the StreetSmart campaign which is sponsored in part by the DC, Maryland, Virginia and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) please visit their website at <http://www.bestreetsmart.net/>

Mr. Farrell also touched base on the Bike Fringe Benefit and what it entails. He referenced the Bike League as a great source of information on how to administer the program. For more information visit www.bikeleague.org

Meeting adjourned: 3:15pm

Meeting Schedule

July 2011

October 2011