

**Edina Transportation Commission – Transportation Options Working Group**  
**Meeting Minutes from 11/13/12**

In attendance: Courtney L.B. Whited, Andy Brown, Maria Sanchez, Sue Weigle, Hope Melton, Peggy Gaard, Susie Johnson, Elin Schold-Davis.

Not in attendance: Fred Arndt, Robin Rohr, David Messenbourg.

1. Everyone went around the room and introduced themselves. Courtney sent around a member rooster sheet for everyone to list their name and contact information. See attached.
2. Presentation from Trish Halko, Joelyn Malone, Arlene Forrest and Elin Schold-Davis who are the members of the ITN (Independent Transportation Network) for the Twin Cities metro area. Their focus is to begin this transportation service in Edina and spread it out to the rest of the Twin Cities metro area. See attached Power Point ITN presentation. All members present completed a ETC-Transportation Options Working Group Transit Needs check-list during this presentation. See attached check-list that was completed by Courtney for a sampling of one review of the program.
  - a. Hope expressed her concern of adding another program to the already fragmented transportation system in the Twin Cities metro area and even in Edina. Hope asked what is the value added by this program. Trish responded that ITN hopes to fill a gap that no other program can fill which is door through door volunteer driver transportation that does not have income guidelines or geographical boundaries within the Twin Cities metro area.
  - b. Courtney expressed concern that ITN would be competing for the very limited funds for the existing transportation programs. Courtney further stated that VEAP (Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People) is firmly rooted in the Edina community.
  - c. Sue asked how ITN in other metro areas coordinated with existing programs. Trish stated that ITN is experienced in this issue and will assist her ITN group with this.
  - d. Peggy stated she likes the credits that people can accrue for either donating a vehicle to the program or volunteering their time in any location.
  - e. Trish stated this ITN member group started discussing the formation of the ITN Twin Cities metro area affiliate about two years ago.
3. The group decided that the December meeting would be entirely spent on reviewing our completed check-lists from our reviews of all of the transportation options. Someone will bring their laptop computer so we can tabulate and formulate our formal recommendation to the ETC on the spot.
4. Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 6pm at the Edina Senior Center.