Transportation Issue Area Network

Year-End Report
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Goals

1. Broaden the transportation area network with the University by connecting with units that conduct transportation-related work and are not already collaborating with CTS’ existing networks of scholars and councils.

2. Discover and create opportunities for more collaboration within this expanded internal network.

3. Enhance the relationships between the University and students, faculty, staff, and the campus community.
Tactics

• Three network meetings held
• Research needs discussion facilitated between Parking and Transportation Services staff and faculty/researchers
• New collaborations:
  – Online data repository (DRUM)
  – Data sharing among PTS, researchers, and Dero
  – Co-sponsorship of first UofM Open Streets event
  – Capturing and reporting community-engaged efforts
• Public/community engagement incentive incorporated into CTS seed research RFP
Successes

• Connection between faculty/researchers and Parking and Transportation Services
• UofM Open Streets event fostered collaboration among network members for engagement with the broader community
• Utilized network to identify faculty members to lead three Resilient Communities class projects in Carver County
• Network members joined CTS research and education/outreach councils
Challenges

• “How is this meeting different from the other meetings CTS convenes?”
• Difficult to make connection with UofM Police due to leadership change and transition
• Low response rate for projects requesting public engagement funds as part of research RFP
Lessons Learned

• Clearly define purpose and shared benefit for coming together as a network
• Find creative ways to incentivize involvement
• Utilize existing strategies for convening when possible rather than creating a new meeting structure
Next Steps

• Schedule 2016 meeting between Parking and Transportation Services and faculty/researcher group; include UofM Police
• Sponsor seminar and reception by MnDOT Scholar-in-Residence Greg Lindsey, focused on community engagement aspects of his work
• Propose name change for CTS Education and Outreach Council to CTS Education and Engagement Council
• Explore adding community engagement as a searchable topic for projects on CTS website
QUESTIONS?

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