

# Quarterly Transportation Call

## 7/16/19:

### Attendees:

Gayle Planera-Bloom Township  
Sheryl Ford-Bloom Township  
Pete Hawkins-Thornton Township  
Lynddah Lahey-Wheeling Township  
Linda Steininger- Hanover Township  
Jerald Wolff-Palatine Township

- **Ramifications of Texting/Driving while using hand held devices (see below link):**
  - <https://www.dailyherald.com/news/20190617/starting-july-1-no-more-free-passes-for-texting-or-holding-your-phone-at-all-and-driving>
    - The law states that drivers caught using a cell phone or hand held device will automatically be issued a moving violation with a fine
    - Discussed that most Township's use PTT radios or some sort of hand held device for communication
  - **Enclosed please find the Statute regarding cell phone/hand held device usage that will be enforced effective July 1, 2019**
    - Wheeling Township had their attorney review the enclosed statute and their interpretation **is that Township personal are exempt based on D9, and D10 of the Statute**
      - Hanover Township Administration also had the same interpretation
    - All agreed that we should review this material with our drivers and keep this material for documentation
  - **What is Pace's policy?**
  - Enclosed please find a bulletin that was sent out by Pace, Vanpool Division
    - There seems to be some variance between Pace Vanpool and Pace Municipal manuals pertaining to this policy:
      - Pace's Vanpool manual states that all cell phones are prohibited while operating a vehicle
      - Pace's Municipal manual states that authorized issued cell phones can be used only when necessary for the efficiency of the operation and when the vehicle is parked
      - Maurice Sanders, Pace, told Bloom Township that Pace expects drivers to have both hands on the wheel at all times
  - **If we are using Ecolane and are using tablets does this apply?**
    - In accordance with the enclosed Statute, Township employees would be exempt from this law due to D10
  - **Conclusion:**
    - According to the Statute of the law, Township drivers should be exempt under D9, and D10

- However all drivers should exercise good conscious and follow the rules of the road
  - If possible pull over and stop the vehicle to use a hand held device
- **McHenry County eliminated their Senior Bus Program?**
  - See attached Bill Status HB0348
  - Asked if everyone was aware that McHenry county eliminated their Senior Bus Program last month
    - Discussed the importance of promoting our programs
      - Have residents come to board meetings and communicate how much they need/use this service
      - If residents mention how much they like/use the program have them put it in writing to Supervisor/elected officials
      - Assure that residents understand the cost they are paying in their taxes versus what that cost would be under another entity (IE the County etc.)
        - Amortize the cost they are paying in their yearly taxes versus the cost of the service
- **General Information:**
  - The next ITASCC meeting will be in Ela Township on Friday, August 9th
  - TOI is in November - feel free to submit nominations for staff/personnel that are deserving
- **Next Call/Agenda:**
  - Upcoming Call:
    - October 8<sup>th</sup> - 10AM-11AM
  - Linda will send out a calendar notice for the next call
  - The topic on the next call will be:
    - How will the legalization of cannabis in Illinois impact us? State laws versus Federal laws? Available training (FTA/Pace/Midwest Truckers, others)?

Thanks to everyone for taking time out of their busy schedules to participate in this call. Let me know if you have any feedback, issues, or questions.

Regards,

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