

Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan Update

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Plan Purpose

- Plan for improving transportation services for older adults and people with disabilities in the 7-county region
- Increase coordination among services
- Federally-required plan

Plan Application

- Guide federal funding investments in projects that improve mobility for older adults and people with disabilities
- MnDOT runs statewide application process for Section 5310 funding
- Funds can be used for projects such as
 - purchasing vehicles
 - providing non-profit shuttle services
 - improved accessibility such as sidewalks or accessible pedestrian signals
 - mobility management

2019 Plan Update

- Steering Committee will help inform and guide the plan update
- Stakeholder workshop to identify current needs and strategies (August 16th)
- Plan developed and drafted through Fall 2019; approval early 2020

August 16th Workshop

- 26 attendees
- From all counties except Anoka (received follow up input from Anoka Co)
- Agenda focused on identifying current needs and strategies to address them

Categories of Needs

1. Coordinate and Consolidate Transportation Services and Resources
2. Mobility Strategies
3. Community, Training, and Organizational Support

Top 7 Identified Needs from the Workshop

1. Lack of adequate funding
2. Lower service levels
3. Limited same-day service
4. Service fragmentation
5. Challenges of using fixed-route transit
6. Limited awareness
7. Training

Other Needs for Discussion

- Some vehicles uncomfortable or undesirable for older adults or people with disabilities
- Inadequate transfer facilities for dial-a-ride service to coordinate with fixed-route service

Other Identified Needs

- Accessible pathways to fixed route service and accessible bus stops, including snow clearance
- Dial-a-ride capacity (fills quickly)
- Language support services
- Workforce – driver shortages, pay, training
- Regulatory issues for providers
- Trip length
- Limited options for low or no-cost transportation services
- Limited door-through-door service

What's Next

- Steering Committee will review the information from the workshop
- TAAC meeting in November to report on draft plan, including strategies
- Draft plan for review in early November

Questions?

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