

ACTION TRANSMITTAL 2013-05

DATE: December 21, 2012
TO: Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: TAC Planning Committee
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SUBJECT: Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Coordination
Action Plan
REQUESTED ACTION: That the Transportation Advisory Board reviews the Plan, provides
comments, and recommends adoption to the Metropolitan Council.
RECOMMENDED MOTION: Recommend adoption of the Public Transit and Human Services
Transportation Coordination Action Plan

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: The Council, as the designated recipient for federal 5316 Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and 5317 New Freedom funds, must have a coordinated plan in place in order to administer a regional solicitation for these funds. This requirement was established in the 2005 SAFETEA-LU legislation and reauthorized in MAP-21.

The schedule for MnDOT's 5310 (Elderly and Disabled transportation vehicles) solicitation is also dependent of the adoption of this plan. The FTA requires that this plan be in place prior to the 5310 solicitation.

The Public Transit and Human Services Coordination Action Plan is meant to coordinate human service transportation and provide the basis for the solicitation of federal transit funds.

The Update of the Plan was developed with input from transit and medical transportation providers, MnDOT, State and County Human Service agencies, Metro Mobility and ADA providers, and the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging. An Oversight Committee, with 21 members representing the providers and agencies, was set up to guide the plan development. An online survey was sent to all identified transportation providers in the metro area and 56 responded with information on the services they provided. This information was compiled to show where transportation services are available and identify where there were gaps in public transportation services. A stakeholder workshop was held and attendees reviewed and priorities needs and mobility barriers. The group identified strategies to meet the needs and mobility barriers. The strategies were grouped into three categories: Coordinate and Consolidate Transportation

Services and Resources; Mobility Strategies; and Communication, Training, and Organizational Support

The adoption of this plan will allow Council staff to proceed with the further development of the solicitation to distribute 2012 JARC funds and 2011 and 2012 New Freedom funds in 2013. This will be the last solicitation of JARC and New Freedom funds, as MAP-21 merged the programs into other federal programs. MnDOT will continue to hold annual solicitations to distribute the funds in the 5310 program.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: The Metropolitan Council is required by federal law to adopt a Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Coordination Action Plan for the purpose of distributing federal funding under the JARC, New Freedom, and Elderly and Disabled Program Capital Assistance for Specialized Transit Vehicles programs.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: TAC-Planning reviewed and discussed the document and asked for clarification of several items. The committee approved the Plan as submitted.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Planning or Funding & Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	December 21, 2012
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
TAB Policy or Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	