Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan Update

Presented to Transportation Committee
October 28, 2019
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
• Supports other planning done at county and state levels
Plan Application

• Guide federal funding investments in projects that improve mobility for older adults and people with disabilities
• MnDOT runs statewide application process for FTA 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 helped to inform and guide the plan update
• Stakeholder workshop held to identify current needs and strategies
• Involved the Council’s Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee
Primary service barriers

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
Three Main Categories of Strategies

The plan includes strategies to address the identified barriers in three main areas:
1. Coordinate and Consolidate Transportation Services and Resources
2. Mobility Strategies
3. Community, Training, and Organizational Support
Draft Plan Schedule

- Draft plan posted online for public review & comment: By 11/12
- Public review & comment period: 45 calendar days minimum
  - Comment period concurrent with TAC/TAB committee process
- Info presentations to stakeholder groups about the public comment period
- Council committee process: Nov 2019 – Jan 2020
- Final Council approval, pending comments/changes: Jan 2020
Questions?

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