

Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan Update

Presented to Transportation Committee
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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
- 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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