

Coordinated Public Transit- Human Services Transportation Plan *Summary*



Overview

The Genesee County 2040 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan) was developed to re-identify the transportation needs of three (3) targeted populations. Those populations include individuals with a disability, elderly individuals, and those with low income. It also provides strategies for meeting those local needs, and prioritizes transportation services for funding and implementation. For more detailed information, refer to the entire Coordinated Plan which is available online as a Technical Report for the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Requirements of the Coordinated Plan

The federal surface transportation legislation, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), was signed into law in July of 2012. This legislation replaces the SAFETEA-LU Act of 2005. The new legislation continues to hold the requirement that all funded projects be derived from a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan. Furthermore, the coordinated plan shall be developed through a process that includes representatives of public, private, non-profit and human services transportation providers and participation by members of the public.

Under MAP-21, Section 5316: *Job Access and Reverse Commute* and Section 5317: *New Freedom* was repealed. Activities eligible under both sections are incorporated elsewhere. The Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) grant is moved to the Federal Transit Authority's urban and rural formula programs. The New Freedom grant program merges with Section 5310: *Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities*.

Current Services

The MTA, as the agency authorized to provide public transportation services in Flint and Genesee County, operates thirteen primary Fixed Routes seven days a week, except national holidays. Monday - Friday, service operates from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., on 1/2-hour headways, and from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on one (1) hour headways. On Saturdays, the 13 primary fixed routes operate from 6:30



MTA Transit Vehicle

a.m. to 12:00 a.m., on one (1) hour headways. Sunday hours of service are 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., with buses operating on one (1) hour headways. The primary Fixed Routes are augmented with Primary Peak Hour Service to meet customer demand and expectations. The MTA may adjust hours of service as needed. The MTA also operates Curb-to-Curb “Your Ride” service throughout Genesee County, seven (7) days a week. The service hours of operation are the same as Fixed Route: 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday - Saturday, and 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sundays.

Assessment of Transportation Needs

There are many unmet needs and gaps in services in Genesee County at this time. The three groups at the Coordinated Plan Workshop re-identified unmet needs and gaps in services. Staff took all these identified needs and created a narrative that combines the needs into general categories; refer to page 20 of the Technical Report.



Coordinated Workshop 2014

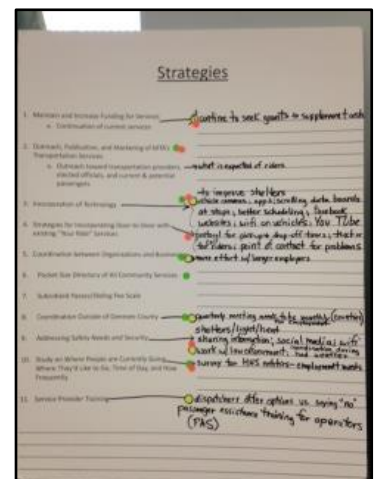
Strategies to Address the Unmet Needs and Gaps in Services

To address the transportation needs and gaps in services, the workshop participants reviewed the current list of strategies and came up with revised lists of potential strategies. Each group considered their list of needs, and then identified the strategies that could be used to help the needs; refer to page 27 of the Technical Report.

Priorities for Implementation

In the final group activity, workshop participants re-prioritized the master list of strategies to meet the transportation needs and gaps in services for the identified populations in Genesee County. The prioritized list appears below.

1. Maintain and Increase Funding for Services
2. Incorporation of Technology



Prioritized List of Strategies

3. Outreach *(to providers, elected officials, passengers, and potential passengers)*, Publication and Marketing of MTA's Transportation Services
4. Coordination between Organizations and Businesses
5. Coordination Outside of Genesee County
6. Addressing Safety Needs and Security
7. Study on where people are currently going, where they'd like to go, times and how frequently
8. Strategies for Incorporating Door-to-Door with existing "Your Ride" Services
9. Pocket Size Directory of All Community Services
10. Service Provider Training
11. Subsidized Passes/Sliding Fee Scale

Findings of the Coordinated Plan / Next Steps

Staff will continue working with local transit and human service agencies, along with FHWA, MDOT and FTA, to facilitate the Coordinated Plan process. As projects are derived from the Genesee County Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan, staff will participate in helping those projects move forward as necessary. The projects will go through the appropriate committee process (including TAC and GCMA) in order to be included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which is a schedule and budget of proposed transportation improvements within Genesee County.