



Lorain County Coordinated Transportation Plan Meeting Summary

Meeting 1: Establishing the Planning Approach

Thursday, May 24, 2018; 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Lorain County Community College

Spitzer Center Rooms 207/208

How many individuals in this room have used public transportation before? – Everyone raises their hands.

How many individuals have used public transportation in Lorain County? – Only about half of the hands in the room are raised.

How many individuals know people who are regular users of Lorain County public transportation? – Less than a quarter of the hands in the room are raised.

Discussion question 1: What are the opportunities for transportation services in Lorain County?

- a. Technological Advances- mode of transportation, or method used to route transportation options where people need it.
- b. Bridge The Great Divide- between those who have personal vehicles, and those who do not/choose not to.
- c. Opportunity to assist service organizations to serve their communities better.
- d. Educate people on how to use transportation, possibly through development days.
- e. Educate people on bike lanes! What are the usage/benefits?
- f. Utilize idle vehicles so that the maximum amount of riders can be served. Also cross ridership whereby Agencies pick -up more than just their own service users.
- g. Explore models of transportation services provided in other communities.
- h. Improve the usage and rider experience of current services.
- i. Collaborate with like organizations to leverage resources and lower expenses.
- j. On-demand medical transit. Transport: adults and kids to school, seniors to supermarkets/shopping, individuals to jobs utilizing structured routes.
- k. An opportunity to focus on transportation needs in communities outside of urban hubs.
- l. An opportunity to focus on younger generations and their mobility needs.

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Discussion Question 2: What are the potential gaps and unmet needs as related to transportation services in Lorain County?

- a. Basic needs: 65+ don't have adequate access to their own neighborhoods
- b. Gaps of service delivery re: on-time reliability
- c. Lack of dedicated general funding
- d. Lack of pressure on Columbus and ODOT to support transportation and transportation funding in areas such as ours. Most funding dedicated to larger big city urban centers.

Discussion Question 3: Who is not at the table that should be included?

- a. LCCC Representatives
- b. Workforce Development, Job and Family Services
- c. Labor Unions
- d. Senior Living Organizations
- e. State Representatives
- f. Community members re: riders/end users
- g. Large County Employers
- h. Young People (Millennials)
- i. Religious Organizations

Discussion Question 4: How can the community and constituent groups best be engaged?

Rich discussion was enjoyed by attendees with several best practice ideas shared. This question will be continued and examined more closely in future meeting discussions.

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