

Coordinated Human- Services Transportation Planning Forum

Boston Region

Metropolitan Planning Organization

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AGENDA

❖ Presentation

- ❖ Background
- ❖ Draft Interim Plan
- ❖ Process

❖ Discussion

- ❖ Existing Services
- ❖ Transportation Needs
- ❖ Ideas

Background

SAFETEA-LU Requires:

Coordinated Plan
(stakeholder involvement)

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**Elderly Individuals
& Individuals with
Disabilities**

JARC
to improve access
to jobs for people
with low incomes

New Freedom
to improve mobility
for people with
disabilities beyond
ADA requirements

Background

Relationship of CHST Plan to Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program

- ❖ Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program administered statewide by EOTPW
- ❖ Applications will be evaluated for consistency with CHST Plan

Background

Plan Will Guide Funding Decisions

<i>Program</i>	<i>Goals</i>	<i>FFY 2006 UZA Funding</i>	<i>Required Match</i>
Job Access/ Reverse Commute	Improve transportation access to jobs	\$1,339,828 (\$1.4 FFY07 \$1.5 FFY08)	•50% of Operating •20% of Capital
New Freedom	Improve mobility for people with disabilities beyond ADA	\$1,158,762 (\$1.2 FFY07 \$1.3 FFY08)	•50% of Operating •20% of Capital

Background

Job Access and Reverse Commute Goals

- ❖ Improve access to jobs and employment-related activities for low-income individuals
- ❖ Transport residents of urban areas to suburban jobs

Background

Job Access and Reverse Commute Funding

- ❖ FFY 2006 \$1.3 Million
 - ❖ FFY 2007 \$1.4 Million
 - ❖ FFY 2008 \$1.5 Million
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- Funds available during year of apportionment plus two additional years
 - Competitive selection

Background

Job Access and Reverse Commute Applicants

Who may apply?

- ❖ Private non-profits
- ❖ Government authorities
- ❖ Operators of public transportation services

Background

Job Access and Reverse Commute Projects

Examples of eligible projects

- Service that fills gaps spatially or temporally
- Transit-related aspects of bicycling
- Local car-loan programs
- Promotion of services that meet program goals
- Coordination of existing providers and welfare agencies
- Innovative approaches to facilitate job access/reverse commuting

Background

New Freedom Goal

Improve mobility for people with disabilities beyond ADA requirements

Background

New Freedom Funding

- ❖ FFY 2006 \$1.2 Million
 - ❖ FFY 2007 \$1.2 Million
 - ❖ FFY 2008 \$1.3 Million
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- Funds available during year of apportionment plus two additional years
 - Competitive selection

Background

New Freedom Applicants

Who may apply?

- ❖ Private non-profits
- ❖ Government authorities
- ❖ Operators of public transportation services, including private operators

Background

New Freedom Projects

Examples of eligible projects

- New public transportation services beyond ADA (e.g., expand boundaries beyond $\frac{3}{4}$ mile; expand service hours; create feeder services)
- New public transportation alternatives beyond ADA (e.g., purchase accessible vehicles; support for new voucher programs; mobility management and coordination activities)

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A framework for:

- Identify existing resources
- Discussing transit markets that may benefit
- Establishing a process for setting priorities for the region

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Identify existing resources:

- ❖ Inventory of public, private, and non-profit service
- ❖ Maps of services in relation to:
 - ❖ Low-income households
 - ❖ Employment concentrations
 - ❖ Population concentrations

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Identify transportation needs of:

- ❖ People with low incomes for job-related transportation
- ❖ People with disabilities
- ❖ Elderly individuals
- ❖ Reverse commuters

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Ideas for improvement from prior outreach:

- ❖ Increase awareness of & information about existing services
- ❖ Improve service coverage to underserved areas
- ❖ Extend service hours to accommodate nontraditional work hours
- ❖ Modify eligibility requirements to reduce duplication

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Ideas for improvement (cont'd):

- ❖ Improve amenities (e.g., bus shelters, non-English signs, passenger assistance, punctuality, driver training)
- ❖ Reduce the number of transfers required
- ❖ Offer reduced fares for the very poor
- ❖ Provide demand-responsive service for unscheduled medical appointments
- ❖ Provide vouchers to agencies to meet client's needs

Process

- ❖ Complete Plan

- ❖ Your comments, suggestions, and ideas
- ❖ MPO approval

- ❖ Solicit Proposals

Discussion

Existing Services

- ❖ What do you like about the existing services?
- ❖ How could existing services be improved?

Discussion

Transportation Needs

- ❖ Where do you need to go (for jobs, training, healthcare, shopping, etc.)?
- ❖ What services currently exist for these destinations, and how do you get there?
- ❖ What trip needs are not met by existing service (geographic or temporal)?
- ❖ What difficulties do you have using existing services?

Discussion Ideas

- ❖ What are your ideas for improving transportation services?
 - ❖ Employment-related trips for low-income people
 - ❖ Disabled people
 - ❖ Elderly people

Discussion

Opportunities for Coordination of Services

- ❖ Is there any duplication of services?
- ❖ Can existing services be used to address any other service needs?
- ❖ How can we better coordinate services?

Next Steps in Process

- ❖ Complete plan MPO endorsement
- ❖ Solicit proposals
- ❖ MPO review, evaluate, and rank proposals
- ❖ EOTPW selects proposals in competitive process
- ❖ MPO includes projects in TIP

Thank you for your
participation!

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