

ODOT Category 601 – Short Range Transportation Planning

Element Number 60160 Regional Public Transportation Planning

Goal: To improve the provision of public transportation facilities and services throughout the region.

Objectives:

- Increase personal mobility and access to jobs and essential services throughout the region through a robust network of interconnected transportation modes.
- Support the economic vitality of the urban core and the region.

Methodology:

As part of our comprehensive regional planning process, the TMACOG staff and committees consider public transit (such as public bus, van, and streetcar service). TMACOG works with transit agencies, human services agencies, transit consumers, and other stakeholders on key issues, initiatives, and projects. This includes a supportive role in implementing priority projects and strategies identified in the region's two human services-public transit coordination plans and in the regional transportation plan.

TMACOG supports efforts to promote and improve public and human services transit by developing and distributing data and information via the TMACOG website, public events, and publications. Partnering with staff on transit work is the standing Public Transit Committee. In 2020, ODOT took over the §. 5310 program. TMACOG, along with TARTA, agreed to continue taking on the role of ranking and recommending projects to ODOT for this funding.

Issues of ongoing concern include the adequacy of service for the growing numbers of elderly and disabled citizens, and geographic limitations of the existing public transit services. Thus, there is need both to implement recommendations of the Human Services-Public Transit Coordination Plan and to expand the footprint of public transit services.

Products:

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| 1. Provide public data and information, such as ridership numbers, a minimum of two times during the year, on public transportation and its benefits, via the web, public meeting(s), and/or other means. | Ongoing |
| 2. Maintain a committee to review and rank projects for the §. 5310 federal funding program to improve transportation for elderly and disabled citizens. | Spring 2021 |
| 3. Support ongoing efforts of mobility management and other priority projects and initiatives listed in the coordinated human services-public transit plans and the regional transportation plan. | Ongoing |
| 4. Assist TARTA when needed in the implementation of the Human Services-Public Transit Coordination Plan. | Ongoing |

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| 5. | Implement strategies and other implementation items identified in ODOT's long range plan Access Ohio 2045. | Ongoing |
| 6. | Hold a minimum of four Public Transit Committee meetings. | Ongoing |