

Southeastern Wisconsin **Regional Planning Commission**



Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Coordination Group Workshop

Zoofari Center
August 27, 2025

●●●●● Meeting Agenda

- Welcome, Staff Introductions, and Housekeeping
- Coordination Plan Overview
 - Purpose and Need
 - Summary of 2021 Plans
 - WisDOT Review of funding programs and opportunities
- County Breakout Discussions
- Lunch
- Regional Breakout Discussions
- Overview of Next Steps



Intent of Coordination Planning

- Framework for improving public transit and human services transportation in each county and the Region
- Assess existing transportation needs and services in each county and identify unmet needs or service gaps
- Focus on strategies that use existing resources to improve access for the Region's residents in a cost-effective manner



●●●●● Federal Requirements

- Required every four years by the Federal transportation funding bill
- Plans must include 4 elements:
 - An assessment of available transportation services
 - An assessment of transportation needs for individuals with disabilities, seniors, and people with low incomes
 - Strategies to address the identified gaps between current services and needs, as well as opportunities to improve efficiencies in service delivery
 - Priorities for implementing the proposed strategies



●●●●● Federal Requirements

- Federal guidelines specify a wide range of stakeholders must be involved in preparing plans
 - Public and private transportation providers
 - Human services agencies
 - Job centers
 - Advocacy groups
 - Public officials
 - Users of existing transportation services

- The Coordination Plan helps to ensure funding eligibility for current and future transit projects in all seven counties.



●●●●● Role of the Regional Planning Commission

- Facilitating the coordination planning meeting
- Providing data and information for assessing needs
- Documenting ideas and strategies
- Proving support to each County as it takes action to implement the plan
- Incorporating ideas and strategies into future updates of the long-range plan, VISION 2050



➤ Needs identified Between Counties included:

- Lack of a ways to provide and fund transit and paratransit services
- Lack of coordination in the distribution of information related to existing services

➤ Strategies to address the needs Between Counties included:

- Encourage transit agencies to create memorandums of agreement or understanding that create transit connections between counties
- Increase funding for mobility managers to assist them in coordinating transportation services across county lines





WisDOT Coordinated Planning Process for Public & Human Services Transportation

Bureau of Transit, Local Roads, Railroads, and Harbors

Wisconsin Department of Transportation

What is Coordinated Planning?

Starting with 2005 federal transportation bill (SAFETEA-LU), and continuing with the current Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), projects seeking funding under Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities) must:

Be derived from a **locally developed**, coordinated public transit human services transportation plan

Be developed with **representatives** of public, private, and non-profit transportation, human services providers and members of the public

Be updated every **five years** for attainment areas



WisDOT's Role in Coordinated Planning

WisDOT Does the Below:

WisDOT **certifies plans to FTA**

WisDOT **Provides toolkits and technical assistance –**
additional help to
counties not within a RPC

WisDOT Does NOT do the Below:

WisDOT does **not own the plan** or prescribe the
process or format



Lead Agency Roles (RPCs and Counties)



Organize and facilitate public meetings



Draft coordinated plan for approval by appropriate body



Submit plan to WisDOT



Lead Agency Roles (RPCs and Counties) pt. 2

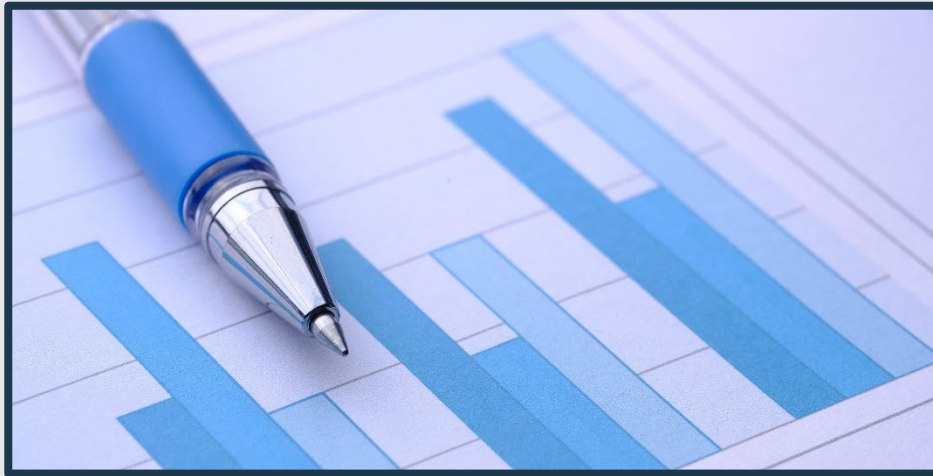
Define the area(s) the coordinated plan will cover (county or multi-county)

Identify the agency or individual who will be the “keeper” of the plan



Develop a list of stakeholders for plan development and implementation

Obtain demographic data on target population to assist with defining gaps and needs



Four Required Elements

Use your existing plan as a starting point!

An assessment of
**available
transportation
services and
providers**

An assessment of
**transportation
needs and gaps**

Identify priorities
based on
resources, time,
and feasibility

Identify strategies
and activities to
address the
identified gaps
between current
services and
needed services



Assessment of Need

Do services overlap or where are services lacking?

What are the **challenges or roadblocks** to providing these services?

What was done well in the last four or five years?

What can be done better?

Who is at the table?

Getting all the necessary groups in a room will facilitate an in-depth discussion on needs and potential coordination efforts to guide your plan.

How are providers adapting to shortages?

Identify strategies and action items



Strategies (goals) should be broad and encompassing to accommodate action items, not focused on “what projects are we applying for?”

- Example strategy: Increase shared use of accessible vehicles across county lines

Action items answers the question of how to meet the strategy/goal.

- Example action items: Implement a one-call/one-click service or design a web page to provide transportation information.



What needs to be submitted to WisDOT?

The Plan and keeper of the plan

Demographic data

Invitation list and attendance records

Public notice, meeting announcements, and agenda

Adoption of plan

Summary of meeting evaluations



Questions?

[Website: https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/astnce-pgms/transit/compliance/coord.aspx](https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/astnce-pgms/transit/compliance/coord.aspx)



Breakout Discussion – County

Table # ____ County: 2025

Unmet Needs for Travel within Milwaukee County

As a group, agree on a list of unmet needs or gaps in transportation service within your county. Then, number the unmet need by its importance. Put a "1" next to the unmet need or gap that your group thinks is most important to address as soon as possible. Number the rest accordingly in order of importance.

Priority	Unmet Need
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Vehicle Accessibility

Table # ____

Within Milwaukee County

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Funding
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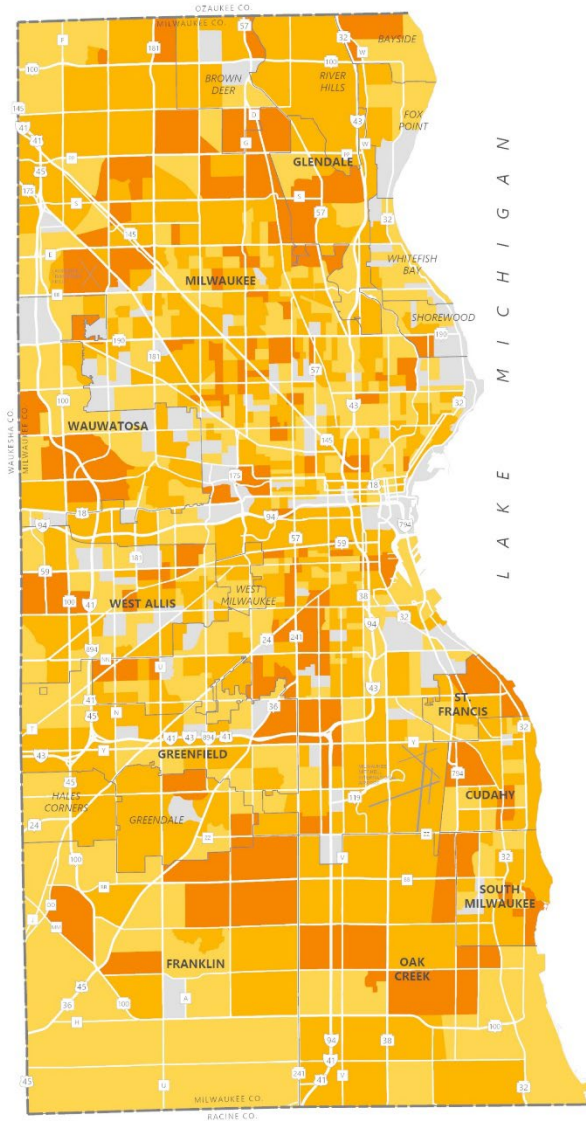
Strategies to Address Unmet Needs for Travel Within Milwaukee County

As a group, agree on a list of strategies to address the unmet needs or gaps in transportation service within your county. Then, number the strategies by its importance. Put a "1" next to the strategy that your group thinks is most important to address as soon as possible. Number the rest accordingly in order of importance. Agree on an entity to serve as the responsible party for each strategy. **Potential responsible parties could include: Milwaukee County, mobility manager(s), all transportation providers, all parties, etc.**

Priority	Strategy for Addressing Need	Responsible Party
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Transit Needs Index Map



- School-age (10-17)
- Seniors (75+)
- Persons in low-income households
- People with disabilities
- Households with no vehicle available



●●●●● Breakout Discussion – County

- Review Table of Transit Service Providers
- Assessment of Existing Transit Services
- Unmet Needs for Travel within the County
- Strategies to Address Unmet Needs



- Lunch in eating area

After Lunch

- Regional Group Discussions
- Discuss results
- Next steps



●●●●● Next Steps

- Commission Staff will compile the survey responses and comments received during the virtual meeting into a final document for each county
- The final plan will be provided to attendees and State staff, and be available online
- The final plan will guide investments in the Region in certain Federal and State funding programs for the next four years



Thank You

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