PREBLE COUNTY, OHIO

Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan

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Executive Summary

This plan is the Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for Preble County, Ohio. The Plan was initially developed in 2008 and updated in 2018. This plan fulfills the requirements of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) under the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, signed into law as a reauthorization of surface transportation programs through Fiscal Year 2020. According to requirements of the FAST Act, locally developed coordinated public transit-human services transportation plans must be updated to reflect the changes established by the FAST Act legislation. The FAST Act applies new programs and rules for all Fiscal Year 2016 funds and authorizes transit programs for five (5) years.

Transportation is a critical component of the communities in Preble County. Transportation provides access to jobs, education, healthcare, human services and allows all community members, including older adults and people with disabilities, to live independently and engage in community life. It is the purpose of this plan for local stakeholders to work collaboratively to do the following activities:

1. Identify all community resources including transportation providers. Preble County has no public transportation or taxi service. A few churches in the county provide bus service for their members and two nursing homes have buses for their residents but are only used for activities. Residents at nursing homes rely on family, Preble County Council on Aging, Med-Pro Medical Transport or Patriot Medical Transport to transport to doctor’s appointments. Universal Transportation Systems, located in Butler County, also provides transportation for weekend trips and overflow when in county transportation providers are booked full. The following county agencies provide the bulk of transportation needs for Preble County residence:

   a. Preble County Council on Aging, Inc.
   b. Miami Valley Community Action Partnership, Preble County
   c. L&M Products, Inc.
   d. Your Happy Place, Inc.
2. Identify and prioritize community transportation needs
   a. Public knowledge of available transportation options.
   b. Transportation options for new entry level employment.
   c. Research operational funding options for populations not being served.
   d. Explore options for expanding community transportation for general public.
   e. Encourage cooperation and communication among stakeholders.
   f. Continue to identify gaps in service and unmet needs.

3. Establish a clear plan for achieving shared goals by starting a Facebook page for Preble County transportation options, continuing communication among transportation providers, encouraging other forms of transportation like a taxi service or Uber/Lyft and explore options for expanding community transportation services for the general public.

Fundamental to the Coordinated Transportation Plan process is the active and meaningful involvement of stakeholders. For projects selected for funding under the Section 5310 program, participation in planning activities must include participation and/or representation of the following, at minimum:

- Seniors;
- Individuals with disabilities;
- People with low incomes;
- Public, private and non-profit transportation providers;
- Human services providers, and;
- The general public.

In order to ensure participation from the above groups the following stakeholder involvement activities were performed:

One public meeting was held to discuss the state of transportation in Preble County. It was attended by seniors, people with disabilities, and stakeholders and public officials.

One meeting was held with only stakeholders and public officials in attendance.

One focus group session was held at the Preble County Senior Center.

Public transportation survey (paper only) was distributed throughout the county. 95 completed copies were returned for tabulation. Ages of people surveyed range from 24 years old to 84 years old. The largest group responding to the survey were seniors between the age of 65 to 84 years of age or 34% of all who were surveyed.

This plan was developed by a planning committee; Preble County Transportation Planning Committee. More information about the planning committee can be found in Appendix A.
I. Geographic Area

Preble County is located in the state of Ohio. The county was settled in 1798 by John Leslie and established on February 15, 1808 from portions of Butler and Montgomery Counties. It was named for Edward Preble, a naval officer who fought in the American Revolutionary War against the Barbary Pirates.

The total area of Preble County is 426 square miles. 2.3 square miles consists of water.

Adjacent counties are Darke County (north), Montgomery County (east), Butler County (south), Union County, Indiana (southwest), and Wayne County, Indiana (northwest).

There are six streams running through Preble County. They are as follows: Little Four Mile Creek, Harker’s Run, Seven Mile Creek, Twin Creek, Price Creek and Goose Creek.

Preble County has only one city, Eaton (the county seat). In addition to Eaton, there are several villages located in the county; Collage Corner, Eldorado, Gratis, Lewisburg, New Paris, West Alexandria, West Elkton and West Manchester.

Preble County is subdivided into twelve townships. They are as follows: Dixon, Gasper (smallest), Gratis, Harrison, Israel, Jackson, Jefferson, Lanier, Monroe, Somers, Twin and Washington (largest).

Lake Lakengren is a gated community southwest of Eaton. Its population is second largest in Preble County. It is not considered a village.

There are several major cities within a two hour drive from Preble County. They are Dayton, Columbus, Cincinnati and Middletown in Ohio and Indianapolis and Richmond in Indiana.

Preble County has several major transportation highways including I-70 running east and west, US Route 127 running north and south, US Route 35 running east and west, US Route 40 running east and west, and a few good state highways.
Map 1: Basic map of the geographic area covered by the plan
Map 2: Major trip generators in the geographic area:

Bullen (Eaton)                              Cargill/Provimi North America (Lewisburg)
CVS Pharmacy (Eaton)                        DaVita Eaton Dialysis (Eaton)
Dow Chemical Company (W. Alexandria)        Eaton Community Schools (Eaton)
Henny Penny Corporation (Eaton)             International Paper Company (Eaton)
Kettering Medical Center (Eaton)            Kroger (Eaton)
Lewisburg Container (Lewisburg)             National Trail Local School District (New Paris)
Neaton Auto Products (Eaton)                Parker-Hannifin Corporation (Eaton & Lewisburg)
Pratt Industries (Lewisburg)                Preble County Council on Aging (Eaton)
Preble Shawnee Local Schools (Camden)       Silfex, Inc. (Eaton)
Timken St. Clair Plant (Eaton)              Tri-County North Local School District (Lewisburg)
Walgreen Pharmacy (Eaton)                   Twin Valley Community School District (W. Alexandria)
Walmart Stores, Inc. (Eaton)

Map 2: Red dots on map indicate locations of major trip generators. (Below)
II. Population Demographics

Population in Preble is on a small decline since Census in 2000. In the year 2000, the total population of Preble County was 42,337. The 2010 census had Preble County at 42,270 and population as of 2016 was 41,274 or a decrease of 2.4% in the past 16 years.

The number of youth has decreased by 700 between the years of 2000 and 2010 and the percentage of the population dropped from 19.7% in 2000 to 18.2% in 2012.

The number of adults aged 65+ increased nearly 1,000 over the past 10 years between 2000 and 2010. Population projections show 25% of the population will be 65+ years of age in 2020.

**Chart 1: Total Population Current and Projected for Five Years**

Population of Preble County in 2015 was 41,367 and projected population in 2020 is estimated to increase to 42,060. Projected population for 2030 will be 41,460 and projected population for 2040 will be 40,260.

Eaton, the county seat is the only city in Preble County. Its population in 2000 was 8,133 and it increased to 8,407 in 2010. Eaton is still in a positive growth pattern for 2020.

Camden is the largest village in Preble County. Its population in 2000 was 2,303 and it decreased in 2010 to 2,046.

Third largest village in Preble County is Lewisburg. Its population in 2000 was 1,798 and it increased in 2010 to 1,820.

Lake Lakengren is a gated community 5 miles south west of Eaton. It has the second largest in population with 3,383 residents. It is located in Gasper Township.

The three largest populated townships in Preble County are Gasper Township with 3,909 residents, Gratis Township with 3,330 residents and Harrison Township with 2,359 residents.

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<th>Total Population by Census</th>
<th>Number</th>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>38,223</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>40,113</td>
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<tr>
<td>2000</td>
<td>42,337</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>42,274</td>
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<table>
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<tr>
<th>Projected Population</th>
<th>Number</th>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>42,060</td>
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<tr>
<td>2030</td>
<td>41,460</td>
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<td>2040</td>
<td>40,260</td>
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Chart 2: Total Population by Age Group in 2016

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<th>Population by Age</th>
<th>Number</th>
<th>Percent</th>
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<td>Under 5 years</td>
<td>2,339</td>
<td>5.6%</td>
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<tr>
<td>5 to 17 years</td>
<td>7,452</td>
<td>17.9%</td>
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<td>18 to 24 years</td>
<td>3,206</td>
<td>7.7%</td>
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<td>25 to 44 years</td>
<td>9,603</td>
<td>23.0%</td>
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<td>45 to 64 years</td>
<td>12,136</td>
<td>29.1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>65 years and more</td>
<td>6,946</td>
<td>16.7%</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Average Age</strong></td>
<td>41.9 years</td>
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Chart 3: Total Population by Race in 2016

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<th>Population by Race</th>
<th>Number</th>
<th>Percent</th>
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<tr>
<td>White</td>
<td>40,586</td>
<td>97.4%</td>
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<tr>
<td>African-American</td>
<td>259</td>
<td>0.6%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Native American</td>
<td>118</td>
<td>0.3%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Asian</td>
<td>214</td>
<td>0.5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pacific Islander</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>0.0%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Two or More Races</td>
<td>503</td>
<td>1.2%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hispanic (may be of any race)</td>
<td>285</td>
<td>0.7%</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total Minority</strong></td>
<td>1,299</td>
<td>3.1%</td>
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Chart 4: Number and percentage of people with disabilities in 2016

In all likelihood at least 16.2% of the current population in Preble County has some disability. Persons with a disability have a physical or mental impairment that affects one or more major life activities, such as walking, bathing, dressing, preparing meals, going outside the house, or doing housework. A disability can occur at birth or any time in a person’s life.

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<th>Age</th>
<th>Number</th>
<th>Percent w/Disability</th>
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<tr>
<td>Under 5 years</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>0.6%</td>
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<tr>
<td>5 to 17 years</td>
<td>278</td>
<td>3.8%</td>
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<tr>
<td>18 to 34 years</td>
<td>870</td>
<td>11.2%</td>
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<tr>
<td>35 to 64 years</td>
<td>2,946</td>
<td>17.2%</td>
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<td>65 to 74 years</td>
<td>1,098</td>
<td>5.7%</td>
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<tr>
<td>75 years and older</td>
<td>1,400</td>
<td>9.7%</td>
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Chart 5: Number and percentage of households with incomes below the federal poverty level in 2016

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<th>Family Income below Poverty Level</th>
<th>Number</th>
<th>Percent</th>
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<tr>
<td>Married couple w/related children</td>
<td>281</td>
<td>2.5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Male household, no wife w/children</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>0.6%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Female household, no husband w/children</td>
<td>460</td>
<td>4.0%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Families with no children</td>
<td>291</td>
<td>2.5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total family income below poverty level</td>
<td>1,102</td>
<td>9.7%</td>
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22.7% Poverty rate in Eaton
5.4% Poverty rate in Lake Lakengren area
19.4% Poverty rate in Camden

Chart 6: Number and percentage of individuals with incomes below the federal poverty level in 2016

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<thead>
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<th>Age Group</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>below Poverty Level</th>
<th>% below Poverty</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total Population</td>
<td>41,030</td>
<td>5,477</td>
<td>13.3%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Under 5 years</td>
<td>559</td>
<td>25.4%</td>
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<tr>
<td>5 to 17 years</td>
<td>1,245</td>
<td>17.3%</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>18 to 34 years</td>
<td>1,558</td>
<td>20.1%</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>35 to 64 years</td>
<td>1,600</td>
<td>9.4%</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>65 and older</td>
<td>515</td>
<td>7.6%</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Male citizens</td>
<td>2,504</td>
<td>12.3%</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Female citizens</td>
<td>2,973</td>
<td>14.4%</td>
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<tr>
<td>National Population</td>
<td>40.6 M</td>
<td>12.7%</td>
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Chart 7: Percent of population that speak English "Less than very well"

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<th>Language Spoken at Home</th>
<th>Very Well</th>
<th>Less than Very Well</th>
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<td>Speak only English</td>
<td>38,602</td>
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<tr>
<td>Spanish</td>
<td>110</td>
<td>68</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>French</td>
<td>67</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Italian</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>30</td>
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<tr>
<td>German</td>
<td>144</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Slavic</td>
<td>41</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hindi</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>42</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chinese/Japanese</td>
<td>34</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cambodian</td>
<td>68</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Arabic</td>
<td>17</td>
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III. Assessment of Available Services

Conducting an evaluation of service provider capabilities and analyzing the existing gaps and duplications of services for transportation resources in each community, provides transportation planners with the information needed to implement changes that will improve the network of transportation resources and services in Preble County and across county lines.

The lead agency identified stakeholders to participate in the assessment of available services. These stakeholders included those who were represented in the current or past planning committees, as well as others who the planning committee identified as being appropriate stakeholders.

Interviews were conducted with each of the identified stakeholders:

- Preble County Council on Aging, Inc.
- Miami Valley Community Action Partnership, Preble County
- L&M Products, Inc.
- Your Happy Place, Inc.
- Preble County Job and Family Services
- Preble County Mental Health and Recovery Board
- Preble County Board of Health
- Preble County Board of DD
- H.I.T. Foundation
- Staffmark Employment Services
- Preble County Chamber of Commerce
- Village of Lewisburg Manager
- Assistant City Manager of Eaton
- Med-Pro Medical Transport
- Vancrest Health Care Center
- Greenbrier Nursing Center

The purpose of the interview was to offer the stakeholders an opportunity to discuss the specific transportation services, gaps, needs, and priorities for their respective service areas or communities.

When applicable, information reported in the previous coordinated plan was used to supplement information gathered during this planning effort.

Inventory of Transportation Providers

- Preble County Council on Aging, Inc.
- Miami Valley Community Action Partnership, Preble County
- L&M Products, Inc.
- Your Happy Place, Inc.
Existing Transportation Services

The following information is based on tabulations from the survey and interview results. A total of 5 organizations provided information about their services.

List of Transportation Service Providers in Preble County

**Agency Name:** Preble County Council on Aging, Inc.

**Transportation Service Type:** Provides transportation for seniors (60) and older.

**Other Services Provided:** Medicare and PASSPORT Transportation for people under 60 through P.C. Job & Family Services & Preble County Mental Health and Recovery Board.

**Contact Information:** Shelley Ratliff, Executive Director, Ashley Workman, Transportation Supervisor

**Hours:** 6:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday thru Friday.

**Service Area:** Preble County and 50 mile radius of Eaton, Ohio

**Eligibility Requirements:** 60 years or older, Medicare, PASSPORT eligible, P.C. Job & Family Services Client, P.C. Mental Health and Recovery Board Client.

**Web-site:** [www.prebleseniorcenter.org](http://www.prebleseniorcenter.org)

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**Agency Name:** Miami Valley Community Action Partnership, Preble County

**Transportation Service Type:** Provides transportation for residents and veterans to medical appointments.

**Other Services Provided:** Medicaid funded transportation through P.C. Mental Health Board & P.C. Veterans Services

**Contact Information:** Keelie M. Gustin, Director, Dee Wilhelm Transportation Coordinator

**Hours:** 24/7, 365 days as needed.

**Service Area:** Preble County and 250 mile radius of Eaton, Ohio

**Eligibility Requirements:** Medicaid eligible & P.C. Veterans Services. Private transportation is available for a fee, by appointment.

**Web-site:** [www.cap-dayton.org](http://www.cap-dayton.org)
Agency Name: L&M Products, Inc.
Transportation Service Type: Provides transportation for individuals with developmental disabilities.
Other Services Provided: Takes clients to places of employment after arriving at L&M.
Contact Information: Christine Armstrong, Operations Manager.
Hours: 9:00 am thru 3:00 pm Monday thru Friday
Service Area: Greater Miami Valley
Eligibility Requirements: Must receive Medicaid support services thru Preble County Board of DD.
Web-site: www.lmproducts.org

Agency Name: Your Happy Place, Inc.
Transportation Service Type: Provides transportation for individuals with developmental disabilities.
Other Services Provided: Adult day center.
Contact Information: Jeff Comley, Transportation Manager
Hours: 9:00 am thru 3:00 pm Monday - Friday
Service Area: Preble County
Eligibility Requirements: Must receive Medicaid support services thru Preble County Board of DD.
Web-site: None
The table below provides a summary of the characteristics of the participating transportation providers and organizations that purchase transportation on behalf of consumers.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Agency Name</th>
<th>Directly Operates Transportation (Yes/No)</th>
<th>Purchases Transportation from Another Agency (if Yes, Who?)</th>
<th>Legal Authority (Private Non-Profit, Private For-Profit, Public Non-Profit,)</th>
<th>Number of Annual One-Way Passenger Trips</th>
<th>Average Number Trip Denials per Week</th>
<th>Are Vehicles Only Available for Human Service Agency Clients (Y/N)*</th>
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<tr>
<td>Preble County Council on Aging</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Private Non-Profit</td>
<td>15,000</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>Miami Valley Community Action Partnership</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Private Non-Profit</td>
<td>826</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>L&amp;M Products</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Private For Profit</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Your Happy Place</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Private For Profit</td>
<td>9,100</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Preble County JFS</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes PCCOA, UTS</td>
<td>Public Non-Profit</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>PC Mental Health &amp; Recovery</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes CAP, PCCOA</td>
<td>Public Non-Profit</td>
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<td>N/A</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>PC Veteran Services</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes CAP, PCCOA</td>
<td>Public Non-Profit</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<tr>
<td>YWCA Dayton</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes PCCOA</td>
<td>Public Non-Profit</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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* Answering “Yes” indicates that your agency is closed door. Your agency is considered closed door if you ONLY provide transportation to your facility as a courtesy or if you ONLY serve a particular clientele that are enrolled in your agency programs (i.e. members of a sheltered workshop, or residents in a nursing home). Answering “No” indicates that your agency is open door. This means the service is open to the public or a segment of the general public defined by age, disability, or low income. For example, if an agency provides general transportation for anyone in the community who is over the age of 60, they are considered “open door”. For example, an individual who is 60 or over can request transportation to a doctor’s appointment or the grocery store regardless of their affiliation with your agency.

The participating organizations provide a wide range of transportation including ADA Paratransit, Demand Response, and Human Service Agencies Fixed Routes. Four of the participating organizations provide services on weekdays. One operates transportation on Saturdays and one on Sundays. Evening services after 6:00 pm are operated by one organizations. The following table depicts the transportation service characteristics by agency.

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<tr>
<th>Agency Name</th>
<th>Mode of Service</th>
<th>Provides Medicaid-Eligible Trips (Y/N)</th>
<th>Level of Passenger Assistance Provided</th>
<th>Training Courses Required for Drivers</th>
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<tr>
<td>Preble County Council on Aging</td>
<td>ADA Paratransit, Demand Response</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Door-to-Door Door-thru-Door, Wheelchair</td>
<td>CPR/First Aid, 2 week with drive trainer, Defensive Driving</td>
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<tr>
<td>Miami Valley Community Action Partnership, Preble County</td>
<td>Demand Response On Demand</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Door-to-Door Curb-to -Curb</td>
<td>CPR/First Aid, Defensive Driving, MVRPC</td>
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<tr>
<td>L&amp;M Products, Inc.</td>
<td>Human Services Fixed Routes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Door-to Door Wheelchair</td>
<td>1 week bus driver training CPR/First Aid</td>
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<tr>
<td>Your Happy Place, Inc.</td>
<td>Human Services Fixed Routes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Door –to-Door Wheelchair</td>
<td>CPR/First Aid In house drive trainer</td>
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Transportation-related expenses and revenues also differ by organization. Medicaid, grants and local tax dollars are common revenue sources for transportation operators in Preble County. The table below provides a summary of expenses and revenues for public and non-profit transportation programs.

Table #3: Transportation-Related Expenses and Revenues

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Agency Name</th>
<th>Fare Structure</th>
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The following table provides basic information about local travel training program options.

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**Table #6: Technology**

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Assessment of Community Support for Transit

Transportation has been a topic for discussion for many years in Preble County. Taxi services have been tried several times in the county seat of Eaton, but has failed due to the lack of use. Uber or Lyft type services will take time to develop because of the very rural nature of the county. Eaton started a bus service several years ago. It was discontinued after several months.

There have been discussions about transportation for people to work sites throughout the county. Several employers have carpools to get employees to work.

Much discussion about transportation in the future is about the funding. People are willing to pay a portion of their ride expense. The unanswered part of the equation is how to fund the additional cost of transportation.

The fortunate part for residents of Preble County is most in need of transportation can find friends or family members to take them where they need to go.

Safety

All transportation providers in Preble County have good maintenance programs for their vehicles. Drivers are trained by in-house trainers and each receive CPR/First Aid training every two years. Each agency selects other training according to their needs.

Vehicles

Survey/Interview participants listed a combined total of 30 vehicles. Approximately 67% of the vehicles are wheelchair accessible. A vehicle utilization table is provided at the end of this chapter (Table 7).

All but one of the transportation providers provide at least 4 wheelchair accessible vehicles, while some organizations have an entire fleet of wheelchair accessible vehicles. L&M Products and Your Happy Place have the most percent of wheelchair accessible vehicles. Community Action Partnership has no wheelchair accessible vehicles but contracts with Patriot Medical Transport when their clients need wheelchair transportation. Preble County Council on Aging fleet consists of 65% wheelchair accessible vehicles. This percentage is adequate at this time to meet the demand. As vehicles age, they require additional maintenance, may break down more often, and become costlier to operate. Vehicle replacement, based on age and condition, is vital to the overall cost effectiveness of the transportation services provided.
Table #7: Vehicle Utilization Table

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Summary of Existing Resources

Residents of Preble County with Developmental Disabilities can rely on transportation from L&M Products and Your Happy Place. These residents are able to receive transportation to medical appointments, day centers and job sites as needed. All vehicles are wheelchair assessable. Both agencies are open Mon – Fri from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Rides are funded through Medicaid waiver grants by Preble County DD.

Residents 60 years and older can rely on Preble County Council on Aging. The senior residents receive transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping, banking, drug store and personal care needs. 65% of the Preble County Council on Aging vehicles are wheelchair assessable. Transportation is available Mon – Fri from 6:00 am until 6:00 pm. Rides are funded through levy dollars, grants, Non-Emergency Medical Transportation thru JFS and PASSPORT.

Preble County Council on Aging is a contract transportation provider for Preble County Job & Family Services and Preble County Mental Health & Recovery Board. Transportation is available Mon – Fri from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. Transportation is funded for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation “NET” by JFS and MHRB.

Community Action Partnership, Preble County is a contract transportation provider for Preble County Mental Health & Recovery Board and Preble County Veteran Services. Transportation is available 24/7, 365 days per year. Transportation is funded by Non-Emergency Medical Transportation “NET” from MHRB and Preble County Veteran Services.

Universal Transportation Systems is based in Butler County, south of Preble County. They are also a contract transportation provider for Preble County Job & Family Services. Transportation is available seven days per week, 24 hours per day. Transportation is funded for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation “NET” by JFS.

Two nursing homes in Eaton provide transportation for its residents for activities only.

Several churches in Preble County have buses to pick up members to take to services only.

There are two medical transport companies, Med-Pro Medical Transport and Patriot Medical Transport who provide transportation for non-emergency medical transportation.
I. Assessment of Transportation Needs and Gaps

To better understand the Preble County needs, the planning committee examined research and data, as well as solicited input from the community. Information was gathered about needs and gaps in transportation services.

The demographic and socio-economic conditions of the study area are discussed in the Demographics Chapter of this plan. The following overview is an evaluation of the gaps in service based upon geographic data as well as from the perspective of the targeted populations, transportation providers, and the general public.

Preble County Council on Aging brought together a variety of stakeholders in the area in an attempt to solicit input and request participation from any organization that could potentially be impacted by the coordinated transportation planning process. More information on how the lead agency engaged stakeholder and the general public is available upon request.

The following methods were used to assess transportation needs and gaps

- Assessment of data and demographics
- Public Surveys
- Planning Committee Meetings
- Focus Groups

Local Demographic and Socio-Economic Data

Data for each target population group were aggregated by Census Block Group for transportation analysis. The demographic and socio-economic data is valuable because a comparison of where the highest and lowest densities individuals who are most likely to need transportation live. This information can then be compared to the locations of (1) major trip generators, and (2) available transportation services.
The following exhibit #1 illustrates the areas where the number of older adults (age 65 and older) is at or above the Preble County average.

Exhibit #1: Map of Population Density of Individuals Age 65 and Older

*Legend based on the total number of disabled individuals per census tract, divided by the area of the respective tract in square miles.*
The exhibit below indicates the areas where the number of zero vehicle households is above the Preble County average. The absence of a vehicle in the household is often an indication of the need for transportation services.

**Exhibit #2: Map of Density of Zero Vehicle Households**
The next exhibit illustrates the location of the top destinations for the existing transportation providers as well as major trip generators for anyone in the area, including those who drive a personal vehicle. The red dots on the maps below indicate the location of a major trip generator area in Preble County.

Exhibit #3: Map of Major Trip Generators
The following exhibit #4 illustrates the area where the number of disabled persons are located above the Preble County average per census block group.

Exhibit #4: Map of Population Disabled

*Legend based on the total number of individuals age 65 and older per census tract, divided by the area of the respective tract in square miles.*
Analysis of Demographic Data

Exhibit #1 shows Population Demographics of residents age 65+ by census tract, divided by the area of the respective tract in square miles. The areas of highest density of people 65+ are located in Gasper Township around Lake Lakengren, southern edge of the City of Eaton and northwest and northern edge of the City of Eaton. The southern edge of Eaton has a nursing home, HUD housing development and two apartment complexes. The northern edge of Eaton has two nursing homes, two 65+ condo developments and apartments.

Exhibit #2 shows zero vehicle households per census tract, divided by the area of the respective tract in square miles. The area with zero vehicles per household is located in the northern edge of Eaton. This area has two nursing homes, two 65+ condo developments and apartments. Other areas are located south of West Alexandria and around New Paris in northwest section of Preble County.

Exhibit #3 shows the location of major trip generators in Eaton and throughout Preble County. Red dots on map locate major employers, medical facilities, school, pharmacies and major shopping centers.

Exhibit #4 shows total number of disabled individuals per census tract, divided by the area of the respective tract in square miles. These locations are exactly the same as in Exhibit #1. This is understandable knowing that 65+ population are more likely to be disabled.

General Public and Stakeholder Meetings/Focus Groups

Preble County Council on Aging hosted and facilitated three local meetings and focus groups to discuss the unmet transportation needs and gaps in mobility and transportation. Twenty-five people participated in the meetings. Of those, 5 self-identified as older adults and 3 self-identified as being a person with a disability. More information about what meetings were held and attendance at those meetings is available upon request.

During the meeting, the Preble County Council on Aging presented highlights of historical coordinated transportation in Preble County, and discussed the activities since the last Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan that have helped to address some of the unmet transportation needs and gaps in services for the area. Everyone received a copy of the Executive Summary from the 2008 Coordinated Transportation Plan.

Following the initial presentation, the stakeholders were asked to review the gaps in transportation services and needs from the previous plan/or update and identify any gaps that were no longer valid and any new needs/gaps, which the facilitator deleted/added to/from a list. The focus of the discussion was transportation for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and people with low incomes. However, several topics discussed also impact mobility options for the general public.
After the changes to the needs/gaps list were completed and new needs/gaps were added, each participant was asked to rank the needs/gaps using colored dots representing a high, medium, or low priority or that the remaining gap/need should be deleted.

Participants discussed more than six mobility issues to achieve, preserve, avoid, or eliminate through coordination during the meetings. Coordinated transportation stakeholders will consider these unmet needs when developing transportation goals and strategies, and grant applications. The exhibit at the end of this section provides a summary of the unmet mobility needs discussed during the meeting as well as the needs identified by the survey results. Page #37 has the summary of unmet mobility needs in Preble County.

**Surveys**
The following survey summary includes the information gained from the following surveys that were performed. 95 surveys from the general public: 22% of individuals with disabilities completed the survey; 34% of older adults completed the survey.

1. Transportation you or your family used in the past 12 months?
   - 87% Drive or ride with a friend.
   - 39% Agency ride program.
   - 29% Walk or bicycle.

2. If transportation was easy to use, what would cause you to use the service?
   - 71% if it would be available at times or days when I need it.
   - 71% if I do not have another transportation option.
   - 61% if it went where I needed it to go.

3. Is ride share, or senior services transportation an option for you?
   - 40% Yes, I use it.
   - 27% No, I do not qualify because of my age/income level.
   - 15% No, it is not available at the times or days when I need it.

4. If public transportation is available but you do not use it, please select why?
   - 24% I have my own car and prefer to drive.
   - 20% I do not qualify for transportation services.
   - 19% My friends or family members drive me where I need to go.

5. What changes could be made to local transportation options to make using them more appealing?
   - 46% if I could request my trip as little as one day’s notice for reservations.
   - 39% Service on Saturday.
36% Service on Sunday.

6. Which are the most commonly visited destinations you need to visit when transportation is available?
   69% Medical.
   49% Shopping/Grocery/Pharmacy.
   22% Work.

7. What do you see as the biggest unmet need concerning transportation?
   Public transportation for general use – no restrictions.
   People unaware of transportation services.
   Have to need a two week notice.

8. Are you or a family member currently using any transportation services that are available through Medicaid/Medicare?
   69% No
   12% Yes

9. Which of the following best applies to you?
   31% Retired.
   25% Employed outside your home.
   22% Disabled.
   19% Unemployed.

10. Which of the following do you use most often to get transportation information?
    41% Call to transportation provider for information.
    25% Smartphone app/text for information.
    18% Organization like my church or senior center or similar.
Challenges to Coordinated Transportation

In addition to identifying needs, the planning committee gathered information from stakeholders and used their own professional experience to identify challenges to providing coordinated transportation services. These challenges include the following:

- Insurance coverage on vehicles and drivers employed at the four agencies.
- Some agencies use helpers on buses for some clients.
- Training all drivers to work for all agencies.
- One agency is for profit and three are non-profit.
- Hours of service different for all four agencies.
- Unknown cost for agencies to coordinate assets and resources.
Summary of Unmet Mobility Needs

The following table describes the identified unmet transportation needs that were identified and the method used to identify and prioritize each need. Needs are listed in order of their rank in highest to lowest priority.

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<th>Rank</th>
<th>Unmet Need Description</th>
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<td>Public knowledge of available transportation options.</td>
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<td>Transportation options for new entry level employment.</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Research operational funding options for populations not being served.</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Explore options for expanding community transportation for general public</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>Continue to identify gaps in service and unmet needs.</td>
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V. Goals and Strategies
Developing Strategies to Address Gaps and Needs

Strategies for improving transportation for Preble County should address the service gaps and user needs identified in this plan, if they are to be effective. As described, the gaps and unmet needs were based on information obtained from geographic analysis, the attendees participating in the meetings, and responses to the public survey.

Based on information gathered throughout the planning process, the Preble County Council on Aging developed the following strategies to address the gaps and unmet transportation needs. Priority levels are assigned by considering the primary funding sources that could be available to support plan implementation compared to the importance of meeting this unmet need expressed by the public and stakeholders. Not all strategies are activities specifically eligible for funding under the existing programs, nor is it guaranteed that sufficient funding will be available to achieve every strategy identified. In addition, the local stakeholders will need to provide support and commit to pursuing the strategies if they are to be accomplished. Nonetheless, these strategies have been tailored to 6 of the identified primary gaps and needs.

Below is an outline describing the prioritized strategies to address each of the identified unmet transportation needs and gaps in service.

**Goal #1:**
**PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE OF AVAILABLE TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS:**

*Needs being addressed:* Lack of information about transportation options available in Preble County.

*Strategy 1.1:*
Develop a Facebook site and website for information about transportation options.

*Timeline for Implementation:* At once.

*Action Steps:*
- A. Hire a web design company to development site.
- B. Develop a Facebook page for transportation options.
- C. Collect county transportation provider’s information about availability.
- D. Put information about transportation options on both sites.
- E. Link website to other websites throughout the county.
- F. Inform the residents of Preble County about these transportation sites.

*Parties Responsible for Leading Implementation:* County Mobility Manager.

*Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation:* Mobility Manager and Transportation Committee.
Resources Needed: Mobility Managers time and money source.

Potential Cost Range: $1,000.00

Potential Funding Sources: Grant monies.

Performance Measures/Targets:
1. Number of likes on Facebook.
2. Number of hits on transportation website.
3. Decrease number of calls with questions about transportation options.

Goal #2:
TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR NEW ENTRY LEVEL EMPLOYMENT:

Needs being addressed: Lacking transportation for new hired employees.

Strategy 2.1:
Look for options to get new hired employees to job sites during first 30 days of employment.

Timeline for Implementation: Within the next six months.

Action Steps:
   a. Survey business and industry about times needed.
   b. Survey employment services about times needed.
   c. Work with employers and industry to development vanpools for new hired.

Parties Responsible for Leading Implementation: County Mobility Manager.

Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation: County employers and Mobility Manager.

Resources Needed: Mobility Manager Time.

Potential Cost Range: N/A

Potential Funding Sources: Industry, businesses and employment agencies.

Performance Measures/Targets:
1. Increase entry level employment at business and industries.
2. Move people form minimum wage jobs to higher paying employment.
3. Develop vanpool options throughout the county.
Goal #3:  
RESEARCH OPERATIONAL FUNDING OPTIONS FOR POPULATIONS NOT BEING SERVED:  

Needs being addressed:  Funding sources to increase transportation options in Preble County.  

Strategy 3.1:  
Research funding sources available for county wide transportation.  

Timeline for Implementation:  Next six months  

Action Steps:  
A.  Research 5311 Grant monies available for Preble County for transportation  
B.  Private monies available to help fund this goal.  
C.  Foundation monies may be available to help fund transportation.  
D.  County/City monies to fund this project.  

Parties Responsible for Leading Implementation:  Mobility Manager and Transportation Committee.  

Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation:  Mobility Manager and County and City officials.  

Resources Needed:  Mobility Managers time.  

Potential Cost Range:  N/A  

Potential Funding Sources:  County Commissioners, City Council, Grants, Foundations.  

Performance Measures/Targets:  
1.  Provide transportation for low income and general public.  
2.  Make population less dependent on family and friends for transportation options.  
3.  Help seniors stay in their homes longer.  
4.  Help low income to be more independent.  

Goal #4:  
EXPLORE OPTIONS FOR EXPANDING COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION FOR GENERAL PUBLIC:  

Needs being addressed:  No transportation options for the general public.  

Strategy 4.1:  
Develop a low cost transportation system for everyone in Preble County.  

Timeline for Implementation:  One year or more.  

Action Steps:  
A.  Work with Transportation Committee for guidance.  
B.  Interview county leaders on their visions.
C. Survey public on who would use service the most.
D. Visit adjoining counties that operate public transportation.

*Parties Responsible for Leading Implementation:* Mobility Manager and Transportation Committee.

*Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation:* City/County officials.

*Resources Needed:* Mobility Managers time.

*Potential Cost Range:* Not determined at this time.

*Potential Funding Sources:* Grants and local/county funds.

*Performance Measures/Targets:*
1. Provide enough ridership to make transportation at break-even levels.
2. Steady growth in ridership.
3. Public support for general public transportation.

**Goal #5:**
**ENCOURAGE COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATION AMONG STAKEHOLDERS:**

*Needs being addressed:* Working together to establish a better transportation system for all.

**Strategy 5.1:**
Bring all stakeholders together to discuss challenges and accomplishments.

*Timeline for Implementation:* Within three months.

*Action Steps:*
A. Discuss opportunities everyone could benefit by cooperation.
B. Discuss ways to share maintenance cost.
C. Train all drivers to a countywide acceptable level.
D. Develop a referral form for residents in county with transportation questions.

*Parties Responsible for Leading Implementation:* Mobility Manager

*Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation:* County Stakeholders and Mobility Manager

*Resources Needed:* Mobility Managers time.

*Potential Cost Range:* Less than $100.

*Potential Funding Sources:* N/A

*Performance Measures/Targets:*
1. Improvement in trip denials.
2. Savings in cost of operations.
3. Improved drivers training procedures.
Goal #6: CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY GAPS IN SERVICE AND UNMET NEEDS:

Needs being addressed: Learning where transportation improvements are needed.

Strategy 6.1: Monitor community needs and wants toward transportation.

Timeline for Implementation: At once.

Action Steps:

A. Visit Stakeholders monthly, asking questions about operations.
B. Ride on stakeholders vehicles, talking to ridership about how improvements are needed.
C. Visit community leaders throughout county discussing transportation needs & gaps.

Parties Responsible for Leading Implementation: Mobility Manager.

Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation: Transportation Committee and Mobility Manager.

Resources Needed: Mobility Managers time.

Potential Cost Range: Very little.

Potential Funding Sources: N/A

Performance Measures/Targets:

1. Improved satisfaction toward transportation needs.
2. Increased ridership between stakeholders.
3. Relieve demand for family and friends as a source of transportation.
4. Community aware of transportation options.

VI. Plan Adoption

The 2018-2022 Preble County Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan was initiated and led by the Preble County Council on Aging, Inc. The Preble County Commissioners designated the Preble County Council on Aging, Inc. as the lead agency. The plan included input by older adults, people with disabilities, private, non-profit transportation providers and human service agencies and the general public.

The finished plan will be submitted to the Preble County Commissioners for adopting on January 31, 2018.
Appendix A: List of Planning Committee Participants

The planning committee consists of representation from local agencies as well as participation of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and members of the general public. More information about the planning committee is available upon request by contacting the Preble County Council on Aging, Tim Miller, Preble County Mobility Manager.

Agency Representation

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Including the participants listed above, the planning committee also included representation of older adults, people with disabilities, and members of the general public. The Preble County Council on Aging and other planning committee members also conducted a wide variety of activities designed to increase
involvement of community stakeholders in identifying community resources, addressing community needs, and setting goals and priorities. More information about the efforts that occurred is available upon request. To request additional information please contact:

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Appendix B: List of Annual Reviews and Plan Amendments

It is required that this plan be reviewed by the planning committee annually. For more information on when the next annual review will occur, how to be involved in the annual review process or to request information on how to make changes or corrections to this plan between annual reviews, please contact:

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Annual Review: November 7, 2018
This Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan will be reviewed and updated as needed by the Coordinated Transportation Plan Committee. It will be reviewed every year through 2022.

Amendment: November 7, 2018
At this time The Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan has had on annual reviews or amendments. The first chance for changes will be November 7, 2018.
Appendix C: Definitions

There are several terms used throughout the plan that may be unique to transportation providers or human service agencies. The terms are defined here for reference.

**Coordination** – Collaborative efforts toward understanding and meeting the mobility needs in the most appropriate, cost effective, and responsive manner.

**FAST Act** – Congress established the funding for Federal Transit Administration programs through authorizing legislation that amends Chapter 53 of Title 49 of the U.S. Code. On December 4, 2015, President Obama signed the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, reauthorizing surface transportation programs through Fiscal Year 2020.

**Gaps in Service** – A break in the continuity of available transportation resources such as a break between hours of operation or a break between two or more geographic areas.

**Lead Agency** – The organization responsible for facilitating outreach; composing a plan that meets the requirements of current Federal and State legislation; maintaining documentation from the planning process and making it available upon request; and leading stakeholders through annual reviews, amendments, and updates of the plan. The Lead Agency also is responsible for submitting the adopted Coordinated Plan and all amendments or updates to participating stakeholders and ODOT.

**Planning Committee** – (indicate if the planning committee has another formal name) The Planning Committee is composed of key community stakeholders. The Planning Committee members agree to actively participate in the planning process and act as the plan advisory and adopting entity.

**Ridership** – The total number of passengers who boarded transportation vehicles are counted each time they board a vehicle.

**Section 5310 Program** – Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities (49 U.S.C. 5310) provides Federal formula funding for the purpose of assisting private nonprofit groups in meeting the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities when the transportation service provided is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meeting these needs. The program aims to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options.

**Section 5311 Program** – The Formula Grants for Rural Areas program provides capital, planning, and operating assistance to states to support public transportation in rural areas with populations of less than 50,000 where many residents often rely on public transit to reach their destinations. The program also provides funding for state and national training and technical assistance through the Rural Transportation Assistance Program. Sub recipients may include state or local government authorities, nonprofit organizations, and operators of public transportation or intercity bus service.

**Section 5307 Program** – The Urbanized Area Formula Grants program (49 U.S.C. 5307) makes federal resources available to urbanized areas and to governors for transit capital and operating assistance in
urbanized areas and for transportation-related planning. An urbanized area is an incorporated area with a population of 50,000 or more.

Transportation – Transportation is broadly defined to include traditional transit, human service agency services, on-demand (taxi-like) services, bicycle and pedestrian programs and amenities.

Unmet Transportation Needs – Transportation that is wanted or desired but is not currently available.