

Multi-County Transportation Coordination Committee (TCC) Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2023

Attendance: If you are online, please type your name, organization, and email address in the chat.

Sierra Nathans, Maumee Valley Planning Organization

Amanda Pobega, Maumee Valley Planning Organization

Dana Phipps, Defiance County Commissioners

Taylor Jessing, Defiance County Health Department

Keith Burmeister, ProMedica Defiance Regional Hospital

Melinda Camp, Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Adam Wagner, K&P Medical Transport

Laurie McCann, Mercy Health Defiance Hospital

Apryl McClaine, Williams County EMA

Joy Ermie, Henry County Health Department

Nicki Rigelman, Williams County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Nick Walters, Maumee Valley Planning Organization

Katie Shaffer, Sarah's Friends Williams County

Kim Cupp, Fulton County Health Department

Bart Westfall, Williams County Commissioner

Marissa Bechstein, Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments

Jan Hoffer, Henry County Hospital

Crystal Ankey, Defiance County Veterans Office

Amanda Mahlman, Fulton County Job & Family Services

Peg Buda, Williams County Health Department

Lori Siclair, Henry County Commissioner

Tiffany Rockhold, Defiance/Paulding Job & Family Services

Today!

1. Overview of the last meeting,
2. What is this committee, what is the coordinated plan, and what are our goals and strategies?
3. Annual coordinated plan updates,
4. Next steps,
5. Having a roundtable discussion to hear any updates or thoughts from transportation providers, riders, or others in our community.

Last Meeting

Discussed what a Transportation Coordination Committee is and the Multi-County Coordinated Transportation Plan.

Figured out where Kim had left off in 2022 with the Coordinated Plan.

Had a roundtable discussion to learn about what others are working on.

What is a TCC and why are we meeting?

A TCC, or Transportation Coordination Committee, is a committee of transportation providers, planners, riders, and anyone else that may have something to do with transportation and mobility in the area. We meet quarterly to discuss transportation, mobility, and the Coordinated Transportation Plan for the area.

What is a Coordinated Transportation Plan?

This is a plan for our four-county area to coordinate transportation providers in order to increase mobility for folks in our area and find transportation gaps.

Goals & Strategies

Please see *Multi-County Goals and Strategies* sheet.

Does anything need to be added or changed? This will be discussed during each quarterly meeting.

Goal 1. Strategy 1. Need people for committees.

Goal 2.

Goal 3.

- Mention of ODOT wanting to regionalize with Lucas and Wood counties
 - Concerns brought up about losing funding (Kathy, Triangular Processing)
 - Agreements from Stephanie, HCTN
 - ODOT is working on ride sharing with agencies, some pilot programs (Stephanie, HCTN)
 - We are currently unsure of what exactly it is that ODOT wants, but it will not affect funding and is more of a regional *planning* effort than anything (Marissa, TMACOG)

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- When transportation providers apply for 5310/5311 grant funding, they need to be part of the coordinated transportation plan (Stephanie, HCTN)
 - Need to come up with a strategy in Goal 3 to address this

Multi-County Coordinated Transportation Plan

We are beginning the annual update for our Coordinated Transportation Plan.

Please see the *Coordinated Transportation Plan Update Calendar*.

Note that ODOT has changed from a calendar year to a state fiscal year, so updates are now due at the end of June rather than the end of November.

June 2024 – Annual update

June 2025 – Full update

Next Steps

Transportation providers will be asked to fill out a survey to ensure all information and data is correct.

Transportation providers, riders, the public, and any other stakeholders may be asked to complete a survey and possibly interviews.

Please note that public/rider surveys may be distributed/conducted by Bowling Green State University Master of Public Administration (MPA) students beginning in January. It is essential for them as future public administrators to have relevant, real-life experiences such as this. This will be both a great experience for them along with a great asset to us, as they will help us cover more ground.

Other Updates

Sierra Nathans (Mobility Manager) and Amanda Pobega (Transportation Planner) are now CarFit Technician and Event Coordinator certified! If you are interested in hosting a CarFit event or would like us to coordinate one, please let us know!

Other community events coming up?

- PUBLIC MEETING IN HENRY COUNTY – How public transit works with contracted agencies
 - November 21st 9:30am, Henry County Commissioners Office
 - Contact Stephanie Honeck, Henry County Transportation Network with questions, stephanie.honeck@hctn.co
- Williams County Safe Communities
 - November 9th 8:30am, Williams County EMS Building
 - Contact Peg Buda with questions, peg.buda@williamscountyhealth.org
- Citizens' Committee members needed for MVPO Long-Range Transportation Plan
 - Contact Amanda Pobega, Transportation Planner & GIS Analyst, with any questions, gisplanner@mvpo.org

Community Updates

This is the time for any updates, questions, comments, or concerns.

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2024 Meetings

January 24, 2024, 10:30am

April 24, 2024, 10:30am

July 24, 2024, 10:30am

October 23, 2024, 10:30am

All meetings will be hybrid via Zoom or Teams (TBD) and in-person at 500 Court St, Defiance, OH 43512 in the second-floor conference room.