

Paulding 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

Brandi Schrader, Paulding County Health Department

Tim Copsey, Paulding County Economic Development

Anne Dunn, Tri-County ADAMHS Board

Kari Morhart, Paulding Senior Center

Lora Lyons, Paulding County United Way

Nick Walters, Maumee Valley Planning Organization

Carly Coe, ODOT Mobility Management

Diane Gable, Foundations Behavioral Health 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 Paulding County Coordinated Transportation Plan.

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

- We are on track with the other counties – everything has been confirmed and signed by the Paulding County Commissioners

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

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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 *Paulding County Goals and Strategies* sheet.

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

Notes:

- Goal 1.1 We are coming into our year for funding (2024)
- Goal 2. Not sure if another person is needed/what Kim's thought process was for this goal
 - Maybe change this?
- Goal 3. Add our information to NOCAC website with the QR code for homeless shelters, while keeping the brochures
 - Need transportation for the recovery facility – add this into goal 3?

Paulding County Coordinated Transportation Plan

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

Please see the *Coordinated Transportation Plan Update Calendar*.

- Changed from the 6-month plan provided by ODOT to an 8-month plan to give us more time to prep
- Starting in November, we will begin evaluating past/existing projects, surveys for providers, find other providers in the area
 - Current providers in Paulding County
 - Spirit EMS (Lafayette, IN)?
 - K&P Medical Transport
 - Senior Center
 - Easy Transit, LLC
 - J&M Cab (all five MVPO counties)
 - Team Johnson (all five MVPO counties)
 - Others: <https://www.nwomobility.com/programs-providers>

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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.

~~This plan is for 2022-2026, so the next full plan update will be June 2026.~~

- NOTE: Paulding will be added to the Multi-County plan in June 2024

Notes:

- Is it possible to add Paulding County to the Multi-County coordinated plan? (Tim Copsey)
 - Yes, this can be done in 2024 or 2025 (Carly, ODOT)
 - The more counties involved in one plan, the better
 - Plans are due June 30th
 - Decided to include Paulding County in 2024 coordinated plan 😊
 - This means a bit more work, but we have plenty of time to start working on it!

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?

Notes:

- Potential CarFit opportunity with food distribution next year
 - June/August
- Senior Health Fair in March
- October Northwest Ohio Mobility newsletter coming out November 1st

2024 Meetings

January 24, 2024, 1:30pm

April 24, 2024, 1:30pm

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July 24, 2024, 1:30pm

October 23, 2024, 1:30pm

All meetings will be hybrid via Zoom or Teams (TBD) and in-person at the Paulding County Economic Development Building.

Community Updates

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

- Discussion of providers:
 - CareSource and other Medicaid/Medicare providers do provide transportation for those enrolled in their programs (only to/from their medical appointments?)
- 5310 funding = contracts & services
- 5311 funding = public transit
 - Goal is to add 5311 funded public transit in our counties
 - NEEDED: a non-profit or senior center to be the main contact/head
 - SIERRA: Reach out to Stefanie Motter with questions about moving Paulding to Multi-County, reach out to Alex from ODOT to discuss 5311, reach out to Kelsey with NOCAC to add to NOCAC website
- SIERRA: Create county-specific mobility guides on website/business cards?
- What to do about younger people needing a specialist
 - Create a long-term goal/plan for this
 - Senior center can transport if parent/guardian is older than 60
 - Meals on wheels also delivers to disabled children if parent/guardian is older than 60
- With 5311 funding, the *earliest* any projects would be started is July 1st, 2025
- For meeting with Alex from ODOT, invite Lora Lyons