

# Northwest Ohio Mobility

Serving Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, & Williams Counties

Five-County Transportation Coordination Committee (TCC) Meeting – Hybrid  
631 Perry St., Defiance, OH 43512

Date: 04/24/24

## Attendance:

Sierra Nathans	Cassie Rickenberg	Marissa Bechstein
Amanda Pobega	John Acquaful	Victoria Smith
Zach Bowers	Kamaria Wilson	Matt Gilroy
Katie Marbaugh	Adam Wagner	Tonie Long
Melinda Camp	Jan Hoffer	Olayinka Awowoyin
Amanda Mahlman	Kathy Shaw	Jennifer Ruetz
BJ Horner	Laurie McCann	Andrea Schwiebert
Brittany Thompson	Marcus Harris	Lora Lyons

## Today!

1. BGSU students present data analysis from rider surveys
2. Coordinated Transportation Plan updates
3. Updated goals draft
4. Decide on our next steps
5. Roundtable discussion to hear any updates or thoughts from transportation providers, riders, or others in our community

## Rider Survey Data Analysis with BGSU Students

- 210+ residents were surveyed
- Findings:
  - 30% of respondents cannot afford gas
  - 22% find taxis out of reach
  - 16% do not have a driver's license
  - Defiance County is an outlier for carpooling
  - 39% prefer personal vehicles
  - 27% cite inadequate public transport coverage
  - 18% lack familiarity with transportation options
  - 6% are dissatisfied with the schedules of transportation options available
  - 70% rely on personal vehicles or acquaintances
  - 31% opt for active transportation (walking, biking, etc.)
- Will send out final report to TCC

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## Five-County Coordinated Transportation Plan

Please see the *DRAFT Coordinated Transportation Plan*.

Public comment period: May 1-June 1

MVPO Executive Council resolution: June 10

Due date: June 30

- Please have all comments on the Coordinated Plan to Sierra by June 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Public comments will be taken via the website, email, Google form, phone
- In-person public comments will be on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 3-6pm at the Defiance EMA building
- Add a goal for active transportation

## Next Steps

For Sierra:

1. Have the full Coordinated Transportation Plan done and sent out by May 1<sup>st</sup>
2. Send out survey data

For TCC members:

1. Look over Coordinated Transportation Plan and send in comments by June 1<sup>st</sup>

At the next meeting, we will be discussing working committees, new goals, and active transportation.

## Other Updates

Newsletters will be quarterly rather than monthly – the next newsletter will be out in May!

## Community Updates

- ADAMhs Board is collaborating with Triangular Processing to provide transportation to those with mental health issues
- Safe Communities grant is now open, Defiance is applying

## 2024 Meetings

July 24, 2024, 9:30am

October 23, 2024, 9:30am

All meetings will be hybrid via Zoom and in-person at 631 Perry St. Defiance, OH 43512

### **Register in advance for this meeting:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpc2ppzMuH9wAG7rBRvkTKTxHH\\_kMO\\_LH](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpc2ppzMuH9wAG7rBRvkTKTxHH_kMO_LH)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.