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#### General Updates

- Tracy Bush, Henry County EMA Director, discusses Henry County Transportation Network grant process and sitting on their board
  - History working with transportation grant programs within Henry County. Originally a person was hired to coordinate transportation and his office was in the Senior Center. The Senior Center was the first agency that coordinated with the HCTN. From there they built a network of agencies to partner with. Utilized Senior Center vehicles, but also applied for vehicles through the grant program until ultimately growing their own fleet.
  - Strongly recommended utilizing the CTS scheduling system. Adam, K&P, agreed.
  - Advised to have the program start under the commissioners- whether 5310 or 5311.
    - 5311- must serve everyone, cannot prioritize trips. Can designate dates and times of service.
    - 5310- Henry County started as a 5310 grant recipient. It allowed them to grown their fleet and network.
    - Develop a strategic plan that can be incorporated into your coordinated plan.
  - Coordinated transportation is important for emergency response and evacuation processes. Transit also gives you a pulse on what is happening throughout the county. Direct contact with residents on a day-to-day basis
- Chris Craves, ODOT's 5311 Statewide Coordinator- unable to attend
  - Asked if ODOT funded vehicles can cross state lines? Mobility manager will reach out to Chris to see if this is possible.

#### Mobility Management Updates

- Coordinated Transportation Plan
  - Public Comment Period- July 1-30



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- Public comments to-date, see below. Assessment of all public comments will be done at the next TCC meeting
- Public Meeting- July 11th at 6pm at the Senior Center
  - Good turnout, 5 people, and discussion.

Public Comments to-date:

- 6/27/2022 via website: No Name, "Does this involve Bradley Booth??"
- 7/9/2022 via Facebook: Drea Nicole

"I was wondering exactly what this was. I read about it in the paper, but it is confusing to me. From what I am gather, is that there was a survey taken and research data compiled and looked at. Agency's came together and saw a need especially after the data was out. Perhaps also economically the village/county is thinking this would help revitalize as well for community and financially? But it seems extremely limited in details (unless I'm missing a page) on WHAT exactly they are wanting to do for Paulding County. Is this only for senior citizens who have barriers due to a myriad of reasons regarding transportation? Will this be more of a plan to provide taxi or shuttle services other than Medicaid/Medicare transportation services? Is this a plan to expand sidewalks, add bike trails, etc? ^I would really love to see this! Or is there something else to this? Would this be a new levy? Something voted on?Or grant money from maumee valley?I'm just really trying to understand and I can't be there on Monday for public comment.( Paulding county)"

Mobility manager, responded, "Drea, Thank you so much for reaching out. The coordinated plan is a study that allows the county to view what transportation needs are going unmet, the to begin creating plan and goals for how to meet the unmet needs. So far, the committee has been able to identify some needs but is working on the best way to address those needs. Our first goal is to identify who will be the lead agency. Once an agency can be determined that agency can apply for ODOT grant funding. Which will assist in meeting some of the unmet needs. Expanding sidewalks and bike trails can be added to the lan. That is often called "active transportation." This is just the start to the



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larger transportation discussion. Even after the coordinated plan is finalized we will continue to meet and update the plan as decisions are made. Currently, there are no plans for passing a levy or any voting initiatives. However, grant funds are definitely being considered. Specifically formula grant dollars from ODOT. Hopefully this response helped, but feel free to reach back out if I need to clarify anything. Sincerely, Kimberly Lammers.”

Drea responded with a voice message, “Thanks for answering so promptly. I really appreciated all the detail. This was very helpful, thank you. I very much support this project and this initiative.”

Drea commented on Facebook, asking for an update on the public meeting. The recording was shared both on the [www.nwomobility.com](http://www.nwomobility.com) and on the Facebook page.

Drea commented on Facebook, “I can not make the meeting, but I would like to see sidewalks/bike trails. Especially down emerald road on both sides and sidewalks to reach McDonald’s, the gas station, chiefs, dollar tree, the pharmacy etc.”

- 7/11/2022 via website, Faria Amin, “My name is Faria Amin. I am working as a Planner/GIS Analyst at MVPO. From my perspective, this coordinated Transit Plan can be more beneficial than the northwestern community of Ohio can ever expect. I moved here in the month of March and had a huge struggle to commute to my workplace. Let alone carpooling, Uber was not even available. My husband and I are working full-time and have one car. So, the whole commuting patch was quite rough for us. I would love to see a well-integrated, coordinated and effective transit system that runs through this five-county region. I understand the region is quite rural and transit may not be financially sustainable, but if we avail this transportation to people, I believe the response might surprise us in a positive way.
- 7/14/2022 via website, Christina Deehr, “I have read through the Paulding County Coordinated Plan and was impressed. The data clearly shows the need for additional



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safe travel options for the Paulding Community. The MVPO RTPO would like to support the mobility office's transportation efforts in Paulding County where possible.”

- Next meeting: October 6, 2022 @ Paulding County Economic Development Office from 9:30-10:30am. We will review all public comments, finalize edits, and final review for before voting for approval of plan.

<b>Meeting Sign-In Sheet</b>		
Paulding County Transportation Coordination Committee June 1, 2022		
Present	Name	Organization
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adam Wagner	K&P Medical
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cathy Ruiz	Family & Children First Council
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jamie Huber	NOCAC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jim Stripe	Board of DD
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jonathon Lichty	Veterans Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lora Lyons	United Way
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark Holts	Commissioners
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark Spieles	Westwood Behavioral
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marsha Yuetter	Senior Center
<input type="checkbox"/>	Megan Sierra	PC Workshop



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<input type="checkbox"/>	Mindy Stoller	Hands of Hope
<input type="checkbox"/>	Steve Griffith	Easy Rider Transport
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tiffany Dargenson	Jobs & Family Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tim Copsey	Economic Development
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kim Lammers	Mobility Manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tracy Busch	Henry County EMA Director
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