

Coordination of the “Coordinated Plan”

At the federal level, The Federal Interagency Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM) was established by Executive Order 13330, “Human Service Transportation Coordination, “ signed by President George W. Bush on February 24, 2004. Members includes the Secretaries of:

- U.S. Department of Transportation
- Health and Human Services
- Labor
- Education
- Agriculture
- Housing and Urban Affairs
- Interior
- Veterans Affairs
- Commissioner of Social Security
- The Attorney General, and
- Chair of the National Council on Disabilities

CCAM is tasked with seeking ways to reduce transportation service duplication, increase efficient transportation service delivery and expand transportation access for older American, people with disabilities, and individuals with low incomes.

At the state level, in July 1996 the Ohio Department of Transportation, along with three other agencies formed the Statewide Transportation Coordination Task Force. The sole mission of the Task Force is to work together to remove barriers that prevent the successful coordination of programs and resources among their respective customers, which are sometimes the same agency or individual. The Task Force continues to provide the tools necessary to local communities to support their transportation coordination efforts. Information sharing and problem-solving among the members continues to be the main strategy in reaching these goals. Over time, other agencies have been added to the task force; to date the Task Force members include:

- Ohio Department of Transportation
- Ohio Department of Aging
- Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities
- Ohio Department of Mental Health
- Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission
- Ohio Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
- Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
- Richland County Transit Board
- Governor’s Council on People with Disabilities
- Governor’s Family and Children First Initiative
- Regional Ambassador for United We Ride
- Ohio Department of Development
- Ohio Department of Education
- Ohio Bureau of Employment Services
- Ohio Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services
- Ohio Head Start Collaboration Project

At the local level, the Licking County Transit Board, formed in July 1998, has continuously coordinated with various private and public agencies.

The Licking County Transit Board is the lead agency for transportation coordination in Licking County.

As of June 2007, there are 34 Coordinated Services Sub-Committee Member Agencies.

- American Cancer Society
- Bright Beginnings Childcare, LLC
- * Catholic Social Services
- Center for Disability Services
- Chestnut House
- City of Heath
- Food Pantry Network of Licking County
- * City of Newark (Newark-Heath User-Side Subsidized Taxi-Token Program)
- LEADS - A Community Action Agency
- * Licking County Aging Program, Inc.
- Licking County Area Transportation Study (LCATS) - MPO
- Licking County Board of Commissioners
- * Licking County Board of MR/DD
- Licking County Center for the Visually Impaired
- Licking County Coalition for Housing
- Licking County Department of Job & Family Services, Inc.
- Licking County Family YMCA
- Licking County Health Department
- Licking Memorial Health Systems
- Licking Metropolitan Housing Authority
- Licking/Knox Goodwill Industries, Inc.
- Montessori Community School
- Moundbuilders Guidance Center, Inc.
- Newark Resident Homes, Inc.
- Northview Senior Living Center
- Ohio Department of Transportation
- Pathways of Licking County
- Playschool Kids Care
- Reece Adult DayCare
- Salvation Army
- Sharon Glyn Village (COAAA)
- St. Vincent DePaul Society – Church of St. Edward the Confessor
- The Woodlands
- United Way of Licking County, Inc.

*** Transportation Providers**

The Objective

The Coordinated Plan is an attempt to develop a plan that will coordinate with all regional transportation / transit long and short-range plans and programs in regards to public transit human services transportation planning. This plan is intended to be a companion to the following documents:

- The Statewide long-range Transportation Plan (ACCESS OHIO)
- The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP/TIP)
- LCATS long-range Transportation Plan (2030 T-Plan)
- Licking County Transportation Development Plan (TDP)
- City of Newark Transportation Development Plan (TDP)
- Licking County United Way Community Blueprint

(The above list is not considered to be all-inclusive)

In addition, the plan has been developed to be a source of guidance for the Licking County Jobs and Family Services Department to use as their transportation plan. This is appropriate, due to the fact that a significant number of their clients are included in the target populations and the federal programs that are available would benefit their clients. Job and Family Services personnel have been integral members of the team in developing this plan as well as actively participating in ongoing coordination efforts. Other local agencies are welcome to adopt the plan and become active participants in coordination to meet the transportation needs of their human service clients.

The overall goal of the plan is: To meet the transportation needs of the human services client

Secondary goals cannot be ignored, and these include:

- REQUIRED to apply for (and possibly receive) Federal Transit Administration funding for
 - Specialized Transportation Program (Elderly and Individuals with Disabilities)
 - Job Access and Reverse Commute program
 - New Freedom program
- To ensure coordination of transportation resources
- To improve transportation services for underserved populations

In order to accomplish these goals, it will require cooperation and effort across and between various entities. This effort will be required both during the development of the plan and continuing through all levels of implementation. The building of the Coordinated Plan and implementation will require leadership, collaborative effort, and a commitment to improving service to the client.