



Coordination: What Does it Mean in MN?

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Your Destination...Our Priority



Target Populations

Elderly



Low Income



Persons with Disabilities





Federal Transit Administration Goals

- Enhance transportation access
- Minimize duplication of services
- Facilitate the most appropriate and cost-effective transportation possible with available resources





Federal Initiatives



- United We Ride
- Coordination plans tied to JARC/NF funding eligibility
- Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative Capital Grants Program (VTCLI)





State Initiatives

- Minnesota Council on Transportation Access
coordinatemntransit.org
- Local Coordination Plans
 - JARC/NF/5310 funding
 - Dept of Human Services Title III and CS/SD funding
- MN River Area Agency on Aging VTCLI application





Local Coordination

- 34% of Greater MN's 59 transit systems provide service to day training and habilitation programs
- 15% provide services to county family/human services departments
- 14% operate university/college pass or shuttle programs





Best Practice Examples

Arrowhead Rural Rides

- JARC funded
- Volunteer drivers help low-income earners get to new jobs, interviews, and training

Tri-CAP

- New Freedom funded
- Traveler needs are met through individual consultation with a mobility manager





How well does coordination work?

NCHRP Findings: July 2011

- ✓ Improved and new relationships formed between public and private agencies
- ✓ 67% states believe coordination levels better than 2006
- Combining JARC/NF/5310 would ease administration
- Planning process needs stronger connection with grant making





Coordination Challenges

- Incentives
- Disparities between state and federal regulations
- Agency silos
- Networking and education





Coordination in Minnesota

- Strengthened state partnerships, especially between DOT and DHS
- Successful efforts are usually locally driven, but state can help educate
- Coordinated plans: stakeholders want and need to network
- Metropolitan Council currently conducting coordination plan, public workshop in Nov.

