

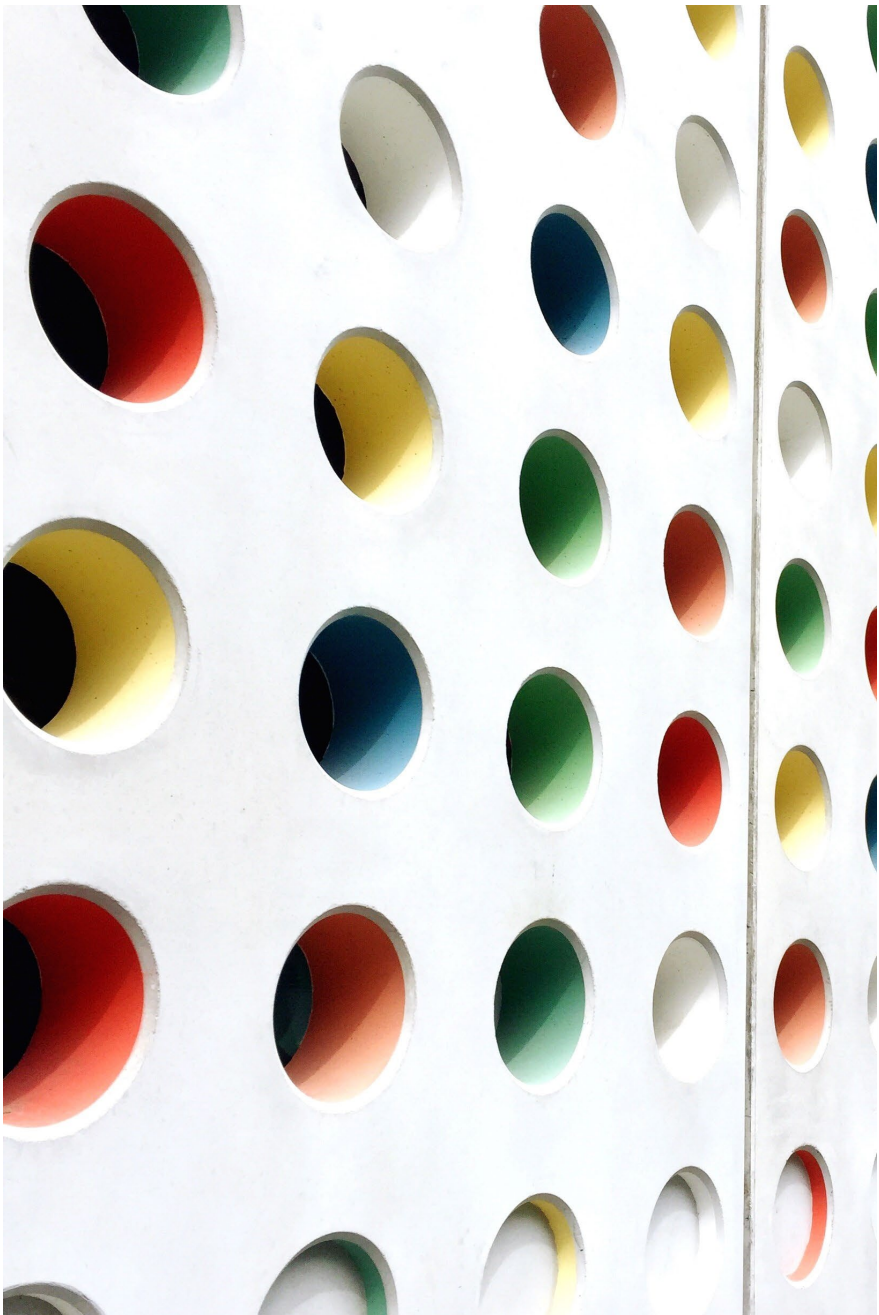
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Phase 4.5 Advisory Board Meeting #1

September 8, 2022



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Updates:

Tri-CAP Public Transit

Mille Lacs County

Timber Trails Public Transit

Kanabec County

Arrowhead Public Transit

Pine, Chisago, Isanti Counties



Updates:

ECRTCC Staff





Staff Updates:

- *Monthly Radio Interviews (September 16th)*
- *Transportation Coalition Workshop with Connect Central MN RTCC (Mille Lacs Co. – Sept. 21 & 22)*
- *MCOTA Volunteer Driver Forum 2022 – (October 6th)*
- *St. Louis County HHS Conference - Duluth (October 11 – 14)*
- *Princeton Senior Fair (October 17)*
- *Kanabec County Operation Community Connect (October 20)*
- *Chisago County Operation Community Connect (October 20)*
- *Chisago Age Well Expo (October 21)*
- *Isanti County Operation Community Connect (November 5th)*

ECRTCC
Work
Plan
Contents:

Logic
Model

1 .Transportation Guidance & Consultation

To inform people in the community about existing services. Outreach. Travel Training.

2. Vehicle Sharing

organizations.

*To maximize utilization of existing vehicles used by
Develop plan to acquire van(s) for supplemental transit/volunteer drivers to share.*

3. Engagement of private non-profit and for-profit providers

To engage private for-profit and non-profit transportation organizations as stakeholders.

4. Volunteer Driver Programs

sustain volunteer driver programs.

To have supportive resources to develop and

5. Staff Training

resource.

RTCC staff to gain expertise as a regional transportation

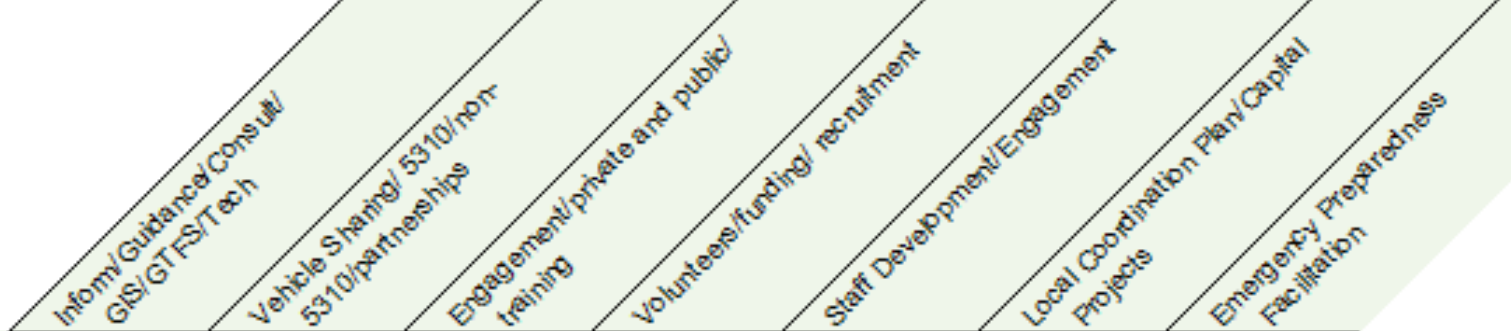
6. Emergency Preparedness Facilitation

To be knowledgeable about emergency planning and to learn what the planners need from us.

Priority of LCP
Projects
Determined to
be of Greatest
Importance:

East Central Region's Local Human Services Transit Coordination Plan 2022 - 5 Year Future Priorities*	Order of Priority
Develop Transportation HUBS to establish connectivity of service providers which should include a variety of modalities. (Connecting the DOTS) Destination Or Transfer Station	1
Unified Multi-Regional Mobility Management Coordination (Center)	2
First and Last Mile program development	3
Prepare infrastructure to facilitate the induction of Ride Share Program(s) – LYFT, UBER, WAZE, CarePool	4
Oversee adoption of insurance policy/procedure adjustments and re-evaluation of current FTA/MnDOT/Federal/State regulations	5
Modify FTA's restriction on the purchase of small vans utilizing 5310 funding	6
Align with regional counties for broadband infrastructure	7
Universal Payment Structure to begin in our region with expansion in mind	8
Vehicle Donation Program	9
Travel Training	10
Transportation Involvement in EMS Preparedness Planning	11
<i>*As Concluded by 2022 LCP Steering Committee Members & Stakeholders</i>	

Commingleing the ECRTCC Workplan and LCP Priorities



ECRTCC Workplan	Task #1	Task #2	Task #3	Task #4	Task #5	Task #6	Task #7
Local Human Services Transit Coordination Plan Priorities							
Transportation HUB Development	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Transportation Mobility Management Coordination (TMC) ★	This is a MnDOT priority, supported by RTCCs ✓						
First/Last Mile/After Hours				✓		✓	
RideShare			✓	✓		✓	
Regulatory Investigation		✓				✓	
Small Van as 5310 qualified		✓				✓	
Broadband Infrastructure	✓		✓			✓	
Universal Payment Structure ★	This is a MnDOT priority, supported by RTCCs ✓						
Vehicle Donation Program				✓		✓	
Travel Training			✓			✓	
EMS Preparedness Planning						✓	✓



Within the next 6 months begin development of:

- **MicroHubs –**

Timber Trails to Tri-CAP, Tri-CAP to Tri-CAP

Bock -> Milaca --> St. Cloud

Timber Trails to Arrowhead in Braham

Braham -> Cambridge

- **Live Well at Home Grant –**

to attain used/new van for volunteer driver program – prepare for grant application
(Look for 2023 grant in Jan/Feb)



Within the next 6 months begin development of:

- **Travel Training –**
some of the county/medical assistance programs like Adult Rehabilitative Mental Health Specialist (ARMHS) workers, Independent Living Skills Training, Senior Service Providers
- **Explore voucher/payment programs -**
for intergovernmental partnerships with private transportation companies



Move forward to be in process within next 12 -18 months

Discussions start within the next 6 months and are worked on progressively.

- 1. EMS coordination,*
- 2. 1st/Last mile/after hours – supplemental service utilizing attained vans,*
- 3. Small &/or large HUBS implementation.*

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- HUB Cambridge *pilot program*

Location: Cambridge City Center – MultiModality HUB – Bikes, Trail info, Tri-Shaws, Rideshare, Buses, Volunteer Drivers, Ride Hailing, NLX

Funding: Transportation Alternatives - funding... match...

Discuss with Penny Simonsen – ECRDC,
Barry Rendor – City of Cambridge -Trails,
Marcia Westover – City of Cambridge...



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- **Prioritize small vehicle passenger service** – *Agency able to purchase through 5310 funding*
- **Attain vehicles that can be driven by volunteer drivers to provide NEMT and circumvent the 1099 issue totally** - *owned/operated by counties, non-profit organization, public transit service*



Transportation Management Coordination Center

(*TMCC*) 12 – 18 months out

- > Need a Coordinator for a Call Center.
- > Many calls/day.
- > Much coordination.
- > RTCCs work together to provide governance and oversight to TMCC and to give data for enhancing the outreach of the TMCC.
- > 3 – 4 TMCCs throughout the state.

If funding source is found – Mobility Coordinator hired by first part of 2023.

Very important and given very high priority. MnDOT's timeline.



Other Priorities to Focus On:

- Donated Vehicles



Funding Sources:

- Blandin Foundation – Broadband
- Live Well at Home grant (LWAH)
- Initiative Foundation grant
- AARP
- EasterSeals

What other Agencies/Organizations should be involved?

Sooner:

- Start conversations about creating flexible funds for transportation within county roles Child Protective Services (CPS)/Case Management
- Counties reach out to private businesses in community to pin-point need (plan route need)
- Community Education to partner with education/training. Travel Training. Faith Communities could be trained and/or assist to get information out.

WHO is heading up the project?

Sooner:

Training focus...

- Mental Health Facilities (ARMHS & Skills) can teach specific skills – do trainings
- Easter Seals/AARP/RTAP
- Explore use of Local Community Education Programs to host training



What other Agencies/Organizations should be involved?

Later:

- Timber Trails has a good-sized dispatch area that could easily accommodate a call center/regional mobility manager
- For Travel Training- some of the county/medical assistance programs like ARMHS workers, Independent Living Skills Training, Senior Service Providers
- Communicate with Cars4Kids or other car donation 501(c)3's to determine where their donated vehicles go
- Do the donation center/agencies take donated vehicles – like Good Will does in other areas? Family Pathways, Twice New clothing in Princeton



What is the role of the ECRTCC?

All ECRTCC Stakeholders should know the transportation priorities for the East Central Region in order to discuss with potential lead agencies/persons as opportunities arise.

YOUR INTERESTS



Aaron Berg – Ride Share Programs – funding, Minnesota Safe Rides

Jessica Peterson – Connecting people to the services they need! Coordinating local public and private entities – thinking outside the box, coordinating mental health services/education/community services/transportation services

Helen Pieper – Mobility Management... and other areas



BREAKDOWN OF SUBCOMMITTEE LIST



2022 – 2023 ECRTCC Advisory Board Schedule:

Second Thursday of months listed below. 9am to 11am

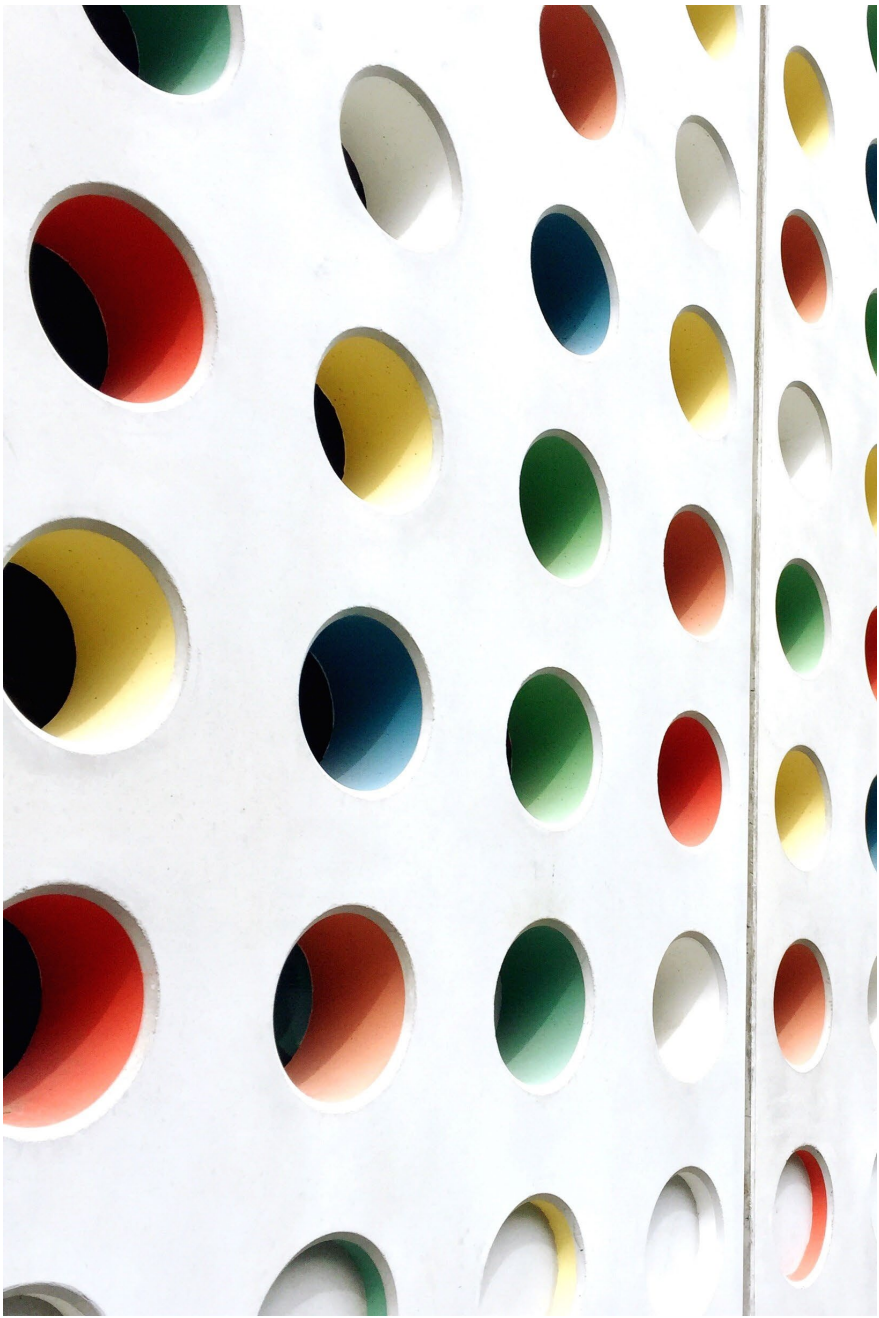
November 10th

January 12th

March 9th

May 11th

Virtual via Zoom.



Thank You!



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