

Human Services Transportation Plan

Progress through May 2010

Yakima County Transportation Plan &

QuadCO Transportation Plan (Adams, Grant, Kittitas, and Lincoln counties)

Yakima County Human Services Transportation Plan

Goals Achieved	
Yakima County Special Needs Transportation Coalition	<p>Since October 2009 the Yakima County Special Needs Transportation Coalition has met on a regular basis to achieve the following goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop and approve Community Education Plan for Yakima County 2. Confirm representation for each county 3. Identify timeline for HSTP update 4. Review strategies for gathering information 5. Identify items to change within the existing HSTP and new WSDOT requirements 6. Surveys distributed to gather information from those that have special needs and need transportation. 7. Approve public forum format and schedule: The Yakima County Special Needs Coalition determined locations for the community forums to be held.
Emergency Management	<p>At the October meeting participants benefited from a presentation on the current Emergency Management structure in place in Yakima County. This is a new requirement in the Transportation Plan.</p>
Needs Assessment/Data Collection—Identify resources and gather statistical data (demographic, economic, geographic, and transportation resources)	<p>Statistical Data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Data is being collected through the US Census, school districts, DSHS, United Ways, local resource centers and transportation providers. <p>Survey Tool</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Survey tool has been created, approved and distributed in English and Spanish. This survey is for those with Special Needs to describe their individual needs for transportation. This includes their origin, destination and reason for needing service. Over 125 surveys have been gathered as of May 25, 2010 that document the needs of a person defined as having a Special Need. ▪ An additional survey has also been created to be completed by agencies that serve people with special needs. This captures their input on how their clients utilize and need transportation. To date, 13 of these surveys have been completed.
Community Education	<p>Community education has begun through meeting with groups that serve those with Special Needs. This has included visiting a senior meal program, presenting at the Mid-Valley Providers Consortium and to the Yakima Homeless Network.</p> <p>Community Forums on Transportation will be conducted throughout the county as a way for community members and agencies to share their input regarding the transportation needs.</p> <p><u>Agenda for Meetings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Summary/Purpose of HSTP ▪ Current services provided within the area ▪ Gather information from those in attendance on origins, destinations, unmet needs and current services used.

	<p><u>Forums to be held:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grandview. YVCC Room # L115 Wednesday June 2 at 3:30 pm ▪ Wapato Noah's Ark Wednesday June 9 at 1:30 pm ▪ Toppenish Eagle Seelatsee Room @Yakama Agency Monday June 21 at 11 am ▪ Naches Depot Friday June 25 at 9 am ▪ Yakima, Harman Center July 12 at 10 am ▪ Union Gap Youth Park Barn, July 7. Two forums will be held: 10:30 am and 5:30 pm ▪ Forums to be scheduled: Mabton, Granger, Selah and an additional forum in Yakima
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Upcoming Goals

Document Creation	The Human Services Transportation Plan will be created to include topics put forward by WSDOT.
Community Forums Conducted	Community Forums on Transportation will be conducted in June and July. Information obtained at these forums will be documented within the HSTP
Yakima County Special Needs Transportation Coalition meeting July 27, 2010.	Review first draft of the Human Services Transportation Plan. Discuss additional information to be added to the plan.
Draft of HSTP completed by September 1.	By September 1 the formal draft of the plan will be shared with YVCOG for their review. This document draft will also allow service providers to use this information when creating their request for projects.
Yakima County Special Needs Transportation Coalition meeting September 28, 2010	Determine <i>Measurement Tool for Prioritization</i> of projects that are submitted. Incorporate additional information into the plan.
Call for Projects	In October/November the transportation service providers will submit project summaries through a Call For Projects to YVCOG.
Project Summary and Ranking	Yakima County Special Needs Transportation Coalition will meet to make recommendations for project ranking. Date of meeting to be determined per final grant deadline from WSDOT.
Final Human Services Transportation Plan	Final plan will include project ranking and will go to YVCOG for input and approval.

QuadCo Human Services Transportation Plan

Goals Achieved	
4-County Community Transportation Planning Team	<p>In July of 2009 the 4-County Community Transportation Planning Team convened to begin the process of creating the Human Services Transportation Plan. Since July the following goals have been achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop and approve Community Education Plan for Lincoln, Adams, Kittitas, and Grant counties ▪ Confirm representation for each county ▪ Identify timeline for HSTP update ▪ Review strategies for gathering information ▪ Identify items to change within the 2006 QUADCO plan and new WSDOT requirements ▪ Approve the outline of the HSTP ▪ Determine the community forum schedule, location and mailing list.
Needs Assessment/Data Collection—Identify resources and gather statistical data (demographic, economic, geographic, and transportation resources)	<p>Statistical Data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Data is being collected through the US Census, school districts, DSHS, United Ways, local resource centers and transportation providers. <p>Survey Tool</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Survey tool has been created, approved and distributed in English and Spanish. This survey is for those with Special Needs to describe their individual needs for transportation. This includes their origin, destination and reason for needing service. Over 350 surveys have been gathered across the four-county region as of May 25, 2010 that document the needs of a person defined as having a Special Need. ▪ An additional survey has also been created to be completed by agencies that serve people with special needs. This captures their input on how their clients utilize and need transportation. To date, 40 of these surveys have been completed.
Community Education	<p>Community education has begun through meeting with groups that serve those with Special Needs.</p> <p>Community Forums on Transportation are being conducted throughout the county as a way for community members and agencies to share their input regarding the transportation needs.</p> <p><u>Agenda for Meetings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Summary/Purpose of HSTP ▪ Current services provided within the area ▪ Gather information from those in attendance on origins, destinations, unmet needs and current services used. <p><u>Community Forums:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cle Elum May 12 at 6 pm ▪ Ellensburg May 13 at noon and 5:30 pm ▪ Lind. May 14 at 1:30 pm ▪ Grand Coulee May 19 at 3:30 ▪ Coulee City May 18 at 1 pm ▪ Othello Senior Center May 26 at 6pm ▪ Odessa Senior Center June 3 at 1:30 pm ▪ Ritzville HE Gritman Center June 10 at 1:30 pm ▪ Wilbur Senior Center Tuesday June 15 at 1 pm ▪ Davenport Senior Center June 17 at noon for seniors and June 16 at 5:30 for the public ▪ Moses Lake Fire Station June 23 at noon and at 5:30 pm ▪ Future forums to be scheduled include Mattawa, and the Ephrata/Quincy area
Upcoming Goals	
Emergency Management	<p>The writer of the plan has been gathering information regarding County emergency management plans and how these address the transportation needs of those with special needs. This summary to be shared at a future meeting.</p>

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4-County Community Transportation Planning Team meeting July 21, 2010.	Review first draft of the Human Services Transportation Plan. Discuss additional information to be added to the plan.
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Project Summary and Ranking	4-County Community Transportation Planning Team will meet to make recommendations for project ranking. Date of meeting to be determined per final grant deadline from WSDOT.
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