COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG

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1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

On August 10, 2005, Congress enacted the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), which provides funding for highway and transit programs. The law makes several changes to the transportation planning requirements. Among these, SAFETEA-LU requires that local communities have a coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan. Projects funded by the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) Section 5310 (Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities), Section 5316 (Job Access and Reverse Commute – JARC) and Section 5317 (New Freedom) Programs, “must be derived from a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan.” In addition to promoting local transportation coordination, this requirement is intended to improve transportation services for persons with disabilities, older adults and individuals with lower incomes.

FTA defines a coordinated plan as a unified, comprehensive strategy for public transportation service delivery that defines the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, seniors and individuals with limited incomes, lays out strategies for meeting these needs and prioritizes services. The plan will also be used as the region’s framework for prioritizing and competitively selecting projects for funding under the JARC and New Freedom competitive solicitation

1.1 Job Access and Reverse Commute (Section 5316)

The Job Access and Reverse Commute grant program (JARC) was created by Congress in 1998. Administered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the goal of the JARC program is to improve access to transportation services to employment and employment related activities for welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals as well as transport residents of urbanized and non-urbanized areas to suburban employment opportunities. The program requires coordination of federally-assisted programs and services in order to make the most
efficient use of Federal resources. The JARC program seeks to fill the gaps in the nation’s public transportation system for low-income workers so that they can remain in the workforce and decrease dependence on public assistance.

1.2 New Freedom Program (Section 5317)
The New Freedom Program is a new transportation program under SAFETEA-LU. This formula-based program provides funding for capital and operating expenses designed to assist individuals with disabilities with accessing transportation services, including transportation to and from jobs and employment support services. Projects funded through the New Freedom Program must be both new and go beyond the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Funding is based on the population of individuals with disabilities in the state.

1.3 Designated Recipient
As the regional public transportation provider, the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) is the designated recipient for JARC and New Freedom funds in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area. CATS Civil Rights Office and Operations Division is leading the coordinated transportation planning process and updating the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan for Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

1.4 Plan Goals and Objectives
The goal of the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan for Charlotte-Mecklenburg is to increase mobility, accessibility, and ridership through the efficient and effective coordination of transportation services and resources.

It is intended to increase:

- transportation options for people with disabilities, seniors, people with low incomes, and veterans
- the numbers of communities in Mecklenburg County with access to transportation services for people with disabilities, seniors, people with low incomes, and veterans
• the quality of transportation services for people with disabilities, seniors, people with low incomes, and veterans

2 PLANNING PROCESS/OUTREACH STRATEGIES

In 2008, CATS adopted an inclusive approach to coordinated transportation planning, incorporating several strategies to gather broad input, including:

- Building on local transportation coordination efforts
- Establishing a coordinated transportation planning committee
- Conducting planning workshops
- Conducting stakeholder interviews
- Conducting a paratransit customer survey
- Conducting a community transportation survey

2.1 Kick-Off Meeting

A coordinated planning process “Kick-Off” meeting was held in December 2007. Attendees included internal representatives from CATS affected divisions and representatives from the NC DOT, and Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services.

2.2 Update Meeting

A planning meeting was held March 31, 2010 to update the original Coordinating Plan written in 2008. Stakeholders such as health and human services providers/agencies, public and private transportation providers as well as transit customers were invited to offer suggestions and opinions to improve the Coordinated Plan as it relates to people with disabilities and low income, seniors and veterans. Also invited were internal representatives from CATS affected divisions, from the NC DOT and Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services.
2.3 March 31, 2010 Meeting Attendees

The list does not include names of private citizens who were in attendance; however, organizations represented include:

- Charlotte Area Transit System
  - Civil Rights Office
  - Special Transportation Service
  - Service Development
- Metrolina Association for the Blind
- Council on Aging
- Men’s Shelter
- Disability Rights and Resources
- Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services/Mecklenburg County Transportation Service
- Metrolina Association for the Blind
- North Carolina Department of Transportation (NC DOT)
- Red Cross

2.4 Planning Meeting

The attendees at the March 31, 2010 planning meeting were reminded of New Freedom and JARC objectives and target audiences chosen in the Coordinated Plan developed in 2008. They were also apprised of the NF and JARC funded projects currently in progress, and to which strategies these projects relate. The attendees broke into groups to discuss any additional needs that are yet unmet or not named by the strategies in the 2008 Coordinated Plan. Three new suggestions to improve transportation to people with disabilities, seniors and individuals with low incomes in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area are added to this updated 2010 Plan.
The development of plan update closely follows the process used for the 2008 original Coordinating Plan which is the basis for the current Plan. The 2008 process and final list of strategies for both 2008 and 2010 are included in Appendix F.

2.5 MPO Presentation

In March, 2008 an informational presentation was made to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Coordinating Committee. Metropolitan transportation planning rules stipulate that the preparation of a public transit human services plan should be coordinated and consistent with the metropolitan planning process. The updated strategies will also be presented to the MPO.

2.6 CATS STS Customer Survey

A STS customer survey was not offered during the updating, however, a survey was designed to capture consumer insights and perceptions of the paratransit eligibility process in 2008. The results revealed several unmet transportation needs. Surveys were mailed to 256 individuals who applied for and/or used CATS paratransit service. A total of 117 surveys were completed and returned.

2.7 CATS Survey of Transportation Services in Mecklenburg County

A community transportation survey was also designed and used in 2008 to develop an inventory of transportation services in the county, identify perspectives about transportation needs, and capture interest in transportation coordination. The survey was sent to approximately 500 public and private transportation providers in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Area.

2.8 JARC Planning Activities

CATS conducted interviews to identify transportation needs for the target groups that the JARC program was developed to assist. CATS staff interviewed several stakeholders that were a part of the coordinated transportation planning group during April and May 2008.
3 TARGET GROUP DEMOGRAPHICS

Charlotte/Mecklenburg has large urban and rural areas, presenting diverse transportation needs for those with no or limited access to personal automobiles. According to the 2000 U.S. Census, 695,454 people live in Mecklenburg County; approximately 40 percent of the population has a potential need for public transportation due to disability, age or income status (Table 1). Of this total:

- 15% are individuals with disabilities over age five
- 9% are individuals over the age of 65
- 10% are individuals with low incomes; and
- 8% are veterans.

Many are considered potentially “transportation-disadvantaged”: those with special transportation needs who are unable to transport themselves due to disability, age or income status. These individuals have a high probability of depending on public and human service transportation services for their daily living needs.

Table 1

Population of Targeted Groups in Charlotte/Mecklenburg

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The population in the Charlotte/Mecklenburg area has grown tremendously over the past decade. According to 2006 U.S. Census data, the population of Mecklenburg County has grown to 827,445, which represents a 19 percent increase from April 2000 to July 2006. The fastest growth rate has been among seniors. Trends suggest that as the population continues to grow and age, the number of individuals who are potentially transportation-disadvantaged
and the demand for public and human service transportation will increase. Census data were mapped to show population densities by these target groups (Figures 1-5).
Density of Individuals with Disability Status (5 years and over)

Mecklenburg County

Figure 1
Figure 4

Density of Civilian Veterans
Mecklenburg County

Civilians Veterans Per
Residential Area

- 0 - 5
- 6 - 10
- 11 - 15
- > 15

Major Streets

Source: U.S. Census 2000 CAFS
4 CURRENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Charlotte/Mecklenburg is served by a variety of public, human service and private transportation services. Transportation that serves individuals with disabilities, seniors, people with low incomes and veterans are funded and operated by state, county and local agencies. This section discusses the available transportation services and resources in Charlotte-Mecklenburg County.

4.1 Community Transportation Survey (2008)

This information was identified through a review of several transportation studies and *A Survey of Transportation Services in Mecklenburg County*. Surveys were sent to more than 500 transportation providers in the Charlotte Mecklenburg area to develop an inventory of available transportation services, identify unmet transportation needs and to determine interest in transportation coordination. A copy of the survey is included in the Appendix A and a list of the transportation providers surveyed can be found in Appendix B.

4.2 Charlotte Area Transit System

The Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) is the largest public transit system between Washington, DC and Atlanta, Georgia, providing public transportation services to Mecklenburg County, the City of Charlotte, suburban towns surrounding Charlotte, and the Town of Rock Hill in York County, South Carolina. CATS carries more than 26 million riders annually. Service is provided via local fixed route bus service, express routes, neighborhood shuttles, regional bus services, vanpool, complementary paratransit and rail transportation. Figure 6 illustrates the CATS service area.

The Light Rail LYNX Blue Line opened for revenue service November 26, 2007 to overwhelming crowds and continues to exceed daily ridership projections.
CATS’ ADA complementary paratransit service, Special Transportation Service (STS), provides door-to-door service to eligible riders in Charlotte, Matthews and Pineville. STS II offers non-mandated, demand responsive paratransit service to STS-eligible customers in northern Mecklenburg County, Mint Hill and the unincorporated areas of Mecklenburg County based upon limited resource availability.
4.3 Mecklenburg Transportation System (MTS)

The Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services (DSS) operates the County’s human service transportation program, Mecklenburg County Transportation System (MTS). As the largest operator of human service transportation, MTS provides demand responsive and subscription transportation with both vendor and direct services vehicles through several programs for the County’s seniors and individuals with disabilities. Services are funded by Medicaid, health and human service agency funding, and Mecklenburg County’s ½ cent transit sales tax dedicated to service improvements. Some of the services provided by DSS include:

- Medicaid Transportation – Adult and children authorized to receive Medicaid transportation are transported to and from a medical destination. Those riders who are able to use fixed route public transit to travel will be required to do so.

- Elderly Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP) – Adults aged 60+ and children and adults with disabilities are transported to and from dialysis or chemotherapy.

- Elderly General Purpose (EGP) – Adults aged 60+ who are not living in an assisted living facility or nursing home are transported to and from medical appointments (physicians, lab tests, chemotherapy/radiation treatments, dialysis, mental health, etc.), dental appointments, pharmacy, grocery shopping, senior centers, paid employment, and Mecklenburg County Senior Citizens Nutrition Program (SCNP) sites, also known as congregate sites. This program will operate under the current service structure until August 1, 2010. At that time, eligible participants will be offered subsidized passes for bus or light rail public transit service, and those unable to use public transit will be eligible to receive a limited number of trips for medical, grocery, senior/recreation center, employment, secondary education, and congregate nutrition. Future implementation plans will include individuals with disabilities, under the same program structure.
• Rural General Purpose (RGP) – Persons living outside the corporate city limits and where a CATS bus stop is not near their home are transported to and from their residence to destinations in their community or to the nearest bus or park and ride stop or light rail station to access CATS services.

• Veterans Services Transportation – Qualified veterans are transported to and from Veterans Affairs hospitals in North Carolina, medical clinics in Charlotte and other destinations approved by the Veterans Services Offices.

• Senior Citizens Nutrition Program (SCNP) Congregate Sites – Adults aged 60+ are transported to and from Mecklenburg County Senior Citizens Nutrition congregate sites for meals and social activities.

• Subscription – Transportation of individuals with disabilities to supported employment sites and Adult Day Care sites.

4.4 Other Community Transportation Services

There are a number of other community-based transportation services that are operated by non-profit, health and human service, faith-based agencies, churches and school districts. The majority of these services are eligibility-based, providing transportation to their specific client populations for specific trip purposes.

4.5 Private Transportation Services

Private transportation providers are also major players in the Charlotte Mecklenburg transportation arena. These include operators of taxi companies, limousines, accessible vans, airport shuttles and intercity, tour and charter bus companies. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department’s Passenger Vehicles for Hire (PVH) Office administers and enforces Chapter 22 of the Charlotte City Code-Passenger Vehicle for Hire ordinance, governing:

• taxis,
• limousines
• sedans
• SUVs,
• shuttles
• vans
• vehicle operators
• chauffeur licensing

PVH regulates 126 taxi and transportation companies, 1150 vehicles and 1250 driver/chauffeurs
5 TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

Planning activities to initially identify transportation needs included conducting consumer and transportation provider surveys, workshops and interviews with members of the human services transportation planning committee. The following presents the results of the consumer survey, workshops and interviews.

5.1 CATS STS Customer Survey

To gain customer perceptions of the STS eligibility process and service, CATS surveyed 256 applicants with disabilities for STS eligibility (CATS STS Eligibility Process Survey, October 2007). Many of the 117 respondents were regular STS users, who shared concerns about unmet transportation needs. Chief among these was the lack of paratransit service outside the CATS paratransit service area. Several individuals indicated that they did not have access to public transit because they lived several miles away from a bus stop. Several were unable to be transported by STS because of over-sized wheelchairs and weight issues. Other individuals were concerned about the cost and lack of STS II availability on the weekends. The consumer concerns were reiterated in the workshops and interviews.

5.2 Workshop I: Transportation Needs

Workshop I, to identify transportation needs, was held on January 30, 2008. Twenty-six individuals participated, representing the following organizations:

- Charlotte Area Transit System
  - Special Transportation Service
  - Service Development
  - Operations Administration
- Charlotte Housing Authority
- Mecklenburg–Union Metropolitan Planning Organization
- CMG Express
Participants were asked to meet in small groups to identify and then prioritize the unmet transportation needs of people with disabilities, senior citizens and individuals with low incomes. Following small group presentations to the entire body, all participants voted to select their top priorities for transportation needs. These needs are summarized below. The following needs received the highest number of votes. A complete list of the needs identified can be found in Appendix C.

5.3 Target Groups

From these discussions, in addition to people with disabilities, senior citizens and individuals with low incomes, two additional target groups emerged, veterans and individuals who are homeless.
5.4 Transportation Needs

The following discussions highlighted issues and barriers to coordination, and identified specific areas of need.

- Many individuals with disabilities, seniors, persons with low incomes and veterans are unaware of the wide range of public transportation service provided by CATS, and how to use it. Some are intimidated by the complexity and others have concerns about personal safety.

- Charlotte/Mecklenburg has a wide range of public and community transportation services that are not coordinated.

- STS and most of the human services transportation have strict eligibility requirements. General purpose demand responsive service is needed to better serve all target groups. Expanded transportation options for daily living activities for seniors, veterans and people with disabilities are needed.

- CATS is heavily concentrated within the city boundaries. Some individuals who reside in the suburbs and outlying areas are not close to public transportation routes.

Specific needs include:

1. Travel training and transportation information
   - Travel training and information to help all target groups learn how to use CATS
   - Improved information for individuals and service providers about the availability and how to use CATS and other public transportation services
   - Travel training programs for individuals with visual impairments (way finding, improved signage and CATS website)
   - Centralized brokerage for travel training
   - Marketing information and communication to help overcome resistance to using fixed route transportation
2. Mobility management and improved coordination between transportation providers
   - Regional mobility manager to serve as an information and referral source for all available transportation
   - Central dispatching with appropriate technology (STS, DSS, Red Cross) to help overcome institutional resistance to coordination and enhance transparency
   - Regional coordinated transportation for Mecklenburg and surrounding counties
   - On-going regional communication

3. Seniors
   - Volunteer driver programs that provide transportation and clarify insurance and mileage reimbursement
   - Expanded elderly general-purpose transportation
   - Elderly patient hospital discharge transportation

4. Veterans
   - Transportation to out of county medical facilities in Asheville, Salisbury and Durham
   - Transportation for veterans who have visual impairments

5. People with Disabilities
   - Expansion of STS II (people who are STS-eligible but live or need transportation outside the service STS area)
   - General-purpose transportation (people with disabilities who are not STS-eligible)
   - STS-same day service
   - Larger vehicles to accommodate passengers who use over-sized mobility aids

6. Transportation for people who are homeless to basic services, i.e. job training, medical, counseling, recovery programs, GED and other educational programs

7. Expanded dialysis transportation
8. Transportation to provide access to jobs for individuals with low incomes

9. Improved CATS bus service

10. Improved private transportation

   - Taxi and limousine drivers need sensitivity training for serving passengers with disabilities.
   - Larger, accessible vehicles to transport individuals who use over-sized mobility aids

5.5 JARC Interviews

During April 16 to May 30, 2008 CATS staff conducted additional interviews with the following organizations:

- Charlotte Housing Authority
- Crisis Assistance Ministry
- Department of Social Services
- Employment Security Commission
- Joblinks
- Urban League
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- YMCA

The stakeholders were asked the following questions:

- *What are the transportation obstacles that your customers face in getting to work and/or to job training?*
- *Are there any employment locations, or related employment services, that are currently not served by public transit in Mecklenburg County? If so, can you provide these locations?*
• Are there locations currently being served by public transit, that are not adequate in meeting the needs of individuals (service is not early or late enough, no service on the weekends, etc.)? If so, can you provide these locations?

The results are as follows. A complete list of interview results is included in Appendix D.

For the most part, the responses to the interview questions were very similar among all of the stakeholders. The transportation needs for low-income individuals that were identified by the stakeholders in the interviews are:

• Travel training for JARC target groups
• Expand van pool program
• Implement Ways to Work Program
• Expand free/subsidized pass programs for JARC target groups
• Expand public transit cross-town services and improve time transfers
• Expand public transit services to suburban employment centers and provide better schedules to meet shift times
• Provide more public transit service on current services to major employment areas (add weekend service, earlier and later service on weekday, etc.)
• Expand service to employment training centers and childcare facilities

Some of the key destinations within Mecklenburg County that stakeholders feel are underserved with the current public transit services are:

• Idlewild-Highway 51
• Thermal Road
• Coliseum Drive & Independence Boulevard
• Eastfield Road
• Statesville Road
• Harris Boulevard
• Lake Norman
• University area & JW Clay Boulevard areas
• Ballantyne area
• Westinghouse Boulevard/Arrowood area
• Monroe Road
• Albemarle Road
• Lake Norman area
• Concord Mills
• Airport area
• Yorkmont / Tyvola Road
• Freedom Drive
• Billy Graham Parkway
• Rozzelles Ferry Road
• Tuckaseegee Road
6 TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIES / PROJECTS

Workshop II, to develop strategies, was held on February 22, 2008. A total of 21 agency representatives attended. Participants again met in small and large groups to develop and prioritize strategies to address the previously identified transportation needs and priorities. The prioritized strategies obtained during the JARC interviews are also incorporated below.

During the update meeting on March 31, 2010, the participants considered the current strategies and determined that the four strategies identified in 2008 should remain. The participants then identified additional projects to address each of the strategies. The strategies and proposed projects are as follows:

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Mobility Management projects include:

1. Create a department of transportation coordination
2. Integrate social services sites (Nevins, Lifespan, etc.)
3. Centralize demand responsive dispatching with on-line options (Red Cross, STS, DSS)
4. Establish a centralized intake-dispatch brokerage to integrate STS, PVH, county and city transportation resources
5. Hire a mobility manager to coordinate community transportation resources
6. Implement technology for one-stop transportation
7. Facilitate regional communication
Strategy 2: Improve Existing Services

Improve existing services that increase reliability and expand transportation options for people with disabilities, seniors, individuals with low incomes.

Improving existing service projects include:

1. Provide same day STS
2. Expand STS II
3. Expand dialysis transportation
4. Expand/improve volunteer driver programs
5. Purchase larger vehicles to accommodate over-sized mobility aids
6. Expand CATS neighborhood circulators
7. Provide disability sensitivity training to taxi and limousine drivers
8. Improve transportation options for employment and related needs
9. Improve access to transportation for veterans and others with visual impairments
10. Improve access to transportation to basic services for individuals who are homeless
11. Improve bus stop environment, accessibility, amenities for seniors and disabled
12. Improve transfer connections, times and locations
Strategy 3: Develop New Services

Develop new services that expand transportation options for people with disabilities, seniors, individuals with low incomes, and veterans.

Develop new service projects include:

1. Provide general purpose transportation for people with disabilities.
2. Provide transportation to veterans' medical facilities in Asheville, Salisbury and Durham.
3. Provide fixed route service along Highway 51.
4. Provide service to unserved areas within Mecklenburg County.

Strategy 4: Expand Employment Transportation Options (JARC)

Develop/expand transportation services for employment and related needs for individuals with low incomes.

Expanding Employment Transportation Options projects include:

1. Expand public transit services to suburban employment centers and provide better schedules to meet time shifts
2. Provide more service on existing public transit to major employment areas (add weekend service and earlier and later service on weekdays)
3. Expand service to employment training centers and childcare facilities
4. Expand public transit cross-town service and improve time transfers
8 CONTINUING COORDINATION STRATEGIES

Coordinated transportation planning activities will continue, but not be limited to the following activities:

- The human services transportation planning committee will continue to serve as a forum to discuss coordination issues in the region; meetings will be held as needed.
- Committee members will review applications and make recommendations for funding through the JARC and New Freedom competitive selection process.
- To avoid duplication of efforts, the existing human services transportation planning committee structure will be maintained and incorporated within the Council on Aging, Transportation Committee. This structure will be formalized to ensure the continuation of coordination efforts.
9  PLAN ADOPTION

On Wednesday, June 18, 2008, the Metropolitan Transit Commission adopted Resolution No. 2008-03, *Adoption of Human Services Transportation Plan for Charlotte-Mecklenburg*. 
10 APPENDICES

Appendix A: CATS Survey of Transportation Services in Mecklenburg County

Appendix B: Transportation Providers Surveyed

Appendix C: Workshop Results-Transportation Needs

Appendix D: JARC Interview Results

Appendix E: JARC /New Freedom Solicitation Process

Appendix F: JARC / New Freedom Completed Projects
APPENDIX A

CATS SURVEY OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY
The purpose of this survey is to develop an inventory of the transportation services available in Mecklenburg County. This survey is being conducted as part of the Charlotte Area Transit System Coordinated Public Transit-Human Service Transportation Plan. Your cooperation and assistance is appreciated. Please complete and return your survey to SIMON & SIMON Research Associates, Inc. by May 2, 2008.

Email your survey to CATSsurvey@simonandsimon.org, or fax your survey to 410-480-9094. You may also mail your survey to:

SIMON & SIMON Research and Associates, Inc.
3213 Corporate Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042
Thank you!

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. ____________________________
   Agency, Community, or Company Name

2. ____________________________
   Street Address

3. ____________________________
   City, State, Zip Code

4. ____________________________   ____________________________
   Telephone#                    Fax#

5. ____________________________
   Name of Agency Director

6. ____________________________
   E-Mail Address

7. Please describe your services or enclose a brochure about the services you provide.
8. Which of the following best describes your situation regarding transportation service? (Please check one). [If you offer no transportation service now, please skip to Question #24.]

____ We offer transportation service.
____ We would like to offer transportation service in the future in some way.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

Questions 8 through 18 address the transportation service you provide or purchase from someone else. [If you do not offer transportation service of any kind, please skip to Question #24.]

9. Do you provide transportation service in any of the following ways (check all that apply)?

____ We operate our own vehicles.
____ We operate door-through-door.
____ We contract with someone else who provides transportation service for us.
____ Some of our clients reach our services using CATS regular bus service.
____ Some of our clients reach our services using CATS Special Transportation Service (STS).
____ We purchase and provide CATS tickets and passes so that our clients can ride CATS and STS.
____ Some of our clients reach our services using other transportation services.
____ We provide no transportation services to our clients.
____ We provide travel training.
____ Other (please explain)

10. Which of the following describes the type of transportation service you offer (check all that apply)?

____ Service that operates door to door and requires a schedule for each day of service
____ Service that operates door to door on a route that is revised periodically as required
____ Service that operates on a route and requires people to meet a vehicle at a fixed location for pickup

11. Please check each of the days of the week that you provide transportation services. On the right, indicate the hours during which service is available to your clients:
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12. What are the eligibility requirements for people who use your transportation service?

13. What is the geographic area (counties, communities, etc.) that your transportation serves?

14. Do you limit the kinds of trips for which people can use your transportation service?
   
   ____ No  
   ____ Yes (Please explain)

15. Please describe any special needs that passengers on your transportation service may have.

16. What is the passenger cost for a one-way trip? ________________________________

17. How do you provide vehicles, drivers, and maintenance? (Please check all that apply)
18. How many vehicles do you have available for your transportation service? ____________

19. How many of these vehicles do you operate in transportation service on an average day?

20. How many of your vehicles are of the following passenger capacities?

   ____ # of vehicles that are 9 or fewer passengers  ____ # that are wheelchair lift-equipped
   ____ # of vehicles that are 10 to 14 passengers  ____ # that are wheelchair lift-equipped
   ____ # of vehicles that are 15 to 24 passengers  ____ # that are wheelchair lift-equipped
   ____ # of vehicles that are 25 or more passengers  ____ # that are wheelchair lift-equipped

21. How many of your vehicles need to be replaced:

   ____ Now
   ____ Within the next year
   ____ Within the next two years

22. On an average day of transportation service,

   How many miles do your vehicles in total operate? ____________
   How many hours are your vehicles in total in service? ____________
   How many passengers in total do you transport? ____________

23. For your most recent operating year (or 12-month period),

   (Please Circle)
   What were your total transportation expenditures? $_________ Estimate or actual
   How many total miles did your vehicles operate? _________ Estimate or actual
   How many total passengers did you transport? _________ Estimate or actual

TRANSPORTATION NEEDS AND INTEREST IN COORDINATION

24. Please describe transportation needs, specific to your agency or community, that you feel are not being adequately met. Please be as specific as you can. (Please include any special needs or requirements your clients or passengers may have.)
25. Please describe other transportation needs in Mecklenburg County that you feel need to be addressed?

26. Please indicate below areas of your potential interest in becoming involved in improving transportation services through better coordination of the services and resources that are available today and can be available in the future (Please check all that may apply):

   ___ Joining a network of agencies that coordinate transportation services to better meet travel needs
   ___ Pooling of financial resources you budget for transportation services to better coordinate services
   ___ Joint use, pooling, or sharing of vehicles among agencies
   ___ Purchasing of vehicles cooperatively
   ___ Centralized fueling of vehicles
   ___ Centralized maintenance services for vehicles
   ___ Centralized scheduling of your passenger trips with other agency trip scheduling
   ___ Centralized operation of vehicles for your passenger trips and other agency trips
   ___ Contracting to purchase transportation service rather than continuing to operate it
   ___ Contracting to provide transportation service to other agencies needing service

27. Please provide us with other thoughts you have on how you may participate in efforts to improve transportation services in Mecklenburg County through coordination of services.
APPENDIX B

SELECTED TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS SURVEYED
Partial List of Transportation Providers Surveyed

A&B Transportation
A-1 Limousine & Airport Towncar
A-1 Wheelchair Patient Transport, Inc.
AAA Transportation Company
Ada Jenkins Center
Adult Care & Share Center
Agape Creative Ministries, Inc.
Al-Anon Family Groups [Meck] [Cabarrus] [Union][Stanly]
Aldersgate
Alexander Youth Network
All City Limousine
Always On Time Limo Service
Alzheimer's Association - Western Carolina Chapter
American Cab Company - Taxi USA, LLC
Americare Transportation & Delivery
Angel Garcia Service
Arc of Mecklenburg County, The
Area Mental Health Authority
At Home Total Care
Atria MerryWood Retirement & Assisted Living Community
Autism Services of Mecklenburg County
Barb's Specialty Transport, Inc.
Behavioral Health Centers - Carolinas Healthcare System
Bethlehem Center
Better Business Bureau of the Southern Piedmont
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Charlotte
Blue Line Limo Service
Boy Scouts of America, Mecklenburg County Council
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Charlotte
Brian Center @ Shamrock Dr.
BRIDGE Jobs Program, Inc.
C. U. P. Ministry
C.W. Williams Community Health Center
Calvary Church
Carmel Baptist Church
Carolina Transportation Service
Carolina Youth Commission, The
Carolinas HealthCare System
Carolina's Medical Center
Carolinas Medical Center - Carolinas HealthCare System
Catholic Social Services
Central House
Central Piedmont Community College
Centralina Area Agency on Aging
Charlotte Center for Aging Services
Choice Tours Transportation Inc
CLT Express Delivery LLC
Comfort Keepers
Community Link
Concierge Unlimited Limousine
Connections Transportation Co.
Council on Aging, Charlotte-Mecklenburg
Crisis Assistance Ministry [Meck]
Crop Walk/Church World Service
Davidson College
Department of Social Services (DSS) [Meck]
Devaughn Limousine Service
Diamond Cab Company
Disability Rights & Resources
Disabled American Veterans
Eagle Cab Company - Taxi USA, LLC
Easter Seals UCP NC
Elegance Transportation
Elite Transportation Company
Emergency Winter Shelter
Employment Security Commission [Meck]
Employment Security/Work First
Executive Express Transportation
Expressway Cab Company
Faith C.M.E. Church
Family Center, Inc., The
Federation of the Blind, Mecklenburg
First Presbyterian Church
First United Methodist Church
G W Limousine, Inc.
Garr Memorial Church
Gents Limousine LLC
Gold Line Express
Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont
Hickory Limousine Service
Island Transportation
J.E.S. Transportation Company
Jacob's Ladder Job Center, Inc.
JB's Limousine Service
Jewish Community Center, Sandra & Leon Levine
L&L Shuttle Service
Lake Norman Limousine
Lake Norman Shuttle LLC
Levine Senior Center-Matthews
Liberty Baptist Church
LifeSpan Incorporated
Lincoln Transportation Service
Loving Care Adult Day Care & Health Center
Loving Touch Adult Day/Health Care Center, Inc.
Luxury Transportation
Matthews Help Center
Mecklenburg EMS Agency
Mecklenburg Ministries
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<td>Queen's Transportation Company</td>
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<td>Queens University of Charlotte</td>
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<td>Red Cross, American, Greater Carolinas [Meck] [MSI]</td>
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<td>Rose Chauffeured Transportation</td>
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<td>Rowan-Cabarrus Community College/South Campus</td>
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<td>Salvation Army of Greater Charlotte, The</td>
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<td>Salvation Army, Statesville Corps., The</td>
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<td>University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC)</td>
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<td>Vocational Rehabilitation Services [Meck]</td>
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APPENDIX C

WORKSHOP I RESULTS TRANSPORTATION NEEDS
### Group 1

**IDENTIFYING AND PRIORITIZING TRANSPORTATION NEEDS IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY**  
**JANUARY 30, 2008**

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<td>Elderly-Ambulatory/non-ambulatory hospital patients without private transportation</td>
<td>After hours medical transportation</td>
<td>Daily</td>
<td>City of Charlotte Mecklenburg County</td>
<td>Patients with medical needs who are being discharged from the hospital, but have no private transportation</td>
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<td>Elderly Hospital Inpatients</td>
<td>Transportation to other facilities</td>
<td>On-demand</td>
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<td>People with disabilities</td>
<td>General Transportation</td>
<td>Daily</td>
<td>Mecklenburg and surrounding counties</td>
<td>Bus stops IADL; quality of life</td>
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<tr>
<td>STS II</td>
<td>Non-ADA Service Expansion</td>
<td>Daily</td>
<td>Mecklenburg County</td>
<td>More stops</td>
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<tr>
<td>General public low income without private transportation</td>
<td>Access to jobs and services beyond the current fixed route system</td>
<td>Daily</td>
<td>Beyond CATS current service</td>
<td>Limited bus access</td>
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### Group 2

**IDENTIFYING AND PRIORITIZING TRANSPORTATION NEEDS IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY**

**JANUARY 30, 2008**

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<td>More circulator</td>
<td>Travel Training</td>
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<td>CATS Service Area</td>
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<td>routes</td>
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<td>Individuals with</td>
<td>Travel Training</td>
<td>M-F On-going</td>
<td>CATS Service Area</td>
<td>Increase CATS ridership</td>
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<td>Disabilities</td>
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<td>Reverse Buses</td>
<td>CATS Operation</td>
<td>CATS Service Area</td>
<td>Reliable Transportation</td>
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<td>PVH</td>
<td>On-going 24/7</td>
<td>County</td>
<td>Not STS/CATS Eligible</td>
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<td>Better STS Route</td>
<td>All hours of operation</td>
<td>CATS Service Area</td>
<td>More efficient use of STS</td>
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<td>Scheduling</td>
<td></td>
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<td>Low Income Homeless</td>
<td>Basic Transportation</td>
<td>Daily M-F</td>
<td>Charlotte</td>
<td>Break the cycle</td>
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<td>GED, Skills Training, Medical Treatment</td>
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Group 3

IDENTIFYING AND PRIORITIZING TRANSPORTATION NEEDS IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY
JANUARY 30, 2008

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<td>Seniors 60 and over</td>
<td>EGP</td>
<td>7 Days/Wk</td>
<td>Meck Co.</td>
<td>Cannot meet demand</td>
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<tr>
<td>People with Disabilities</td>
<td>STS II</td>
<td>7 Days/Wk</td>
<td>Meck Co.</td>
<td>Cannot meet demand</td>
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Wayfinding
- Improved information on CATS website re:
  - LRT Stations
  - Fixed Route Amenities
  - Bus Stop Identification (Braille about route and # for specific stop)

Centralized Dispatch
Organized Volunteer Driver Program
Fixed Route Service- Hwy 51
Neighborhood Circulators
## Group 4

IDENTIFYING AND PRIORITIZING TRANSPORTATION NEEDS IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY

JANUARY 30, 2008

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<tr>
<td>All agencies and private companies</td>
<td>Regional communication with Transportation Advisory Board</td>
<td>Meet bi-monthly</td>
<td>Mecklenburg County</td>
<td>To improve educational services and distribution of information</td>
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<tr>
<td>People with Disabilities, Elderly, Veterans</td>
<td>Mobility Management and expanded travel training</td>
<td>On-going</td>
<td>Mecklenburg County</td>
<td>Lack of knowledge of the availability of funding to teach disability groups the logistics of how to use the bus system</td>
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<tr>
<td>Veterans</td>
<td>Improved Veteran’s Transportation</td>
<td>On-going</td>
<td>Regional coordination, starting with Mecklenburg County</td>
<td>Currently limited, just starting, small amount of funds, no dedicated funding.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Seniors</td>
<td>Volunteer Driver Program with mileage reimbursement</td>
<td>On-going</td>
<td>Start with Mecklenburg County, especially unincorporated areas like North Meck where there is limited access to bus transportation</td>
<td>Current barriers are: Cost of gas, liability issues, insurance needs. Benefits: creates community, people can stay in their homes longer, saves taxpayer dollars</td>
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### Identify and Prioritize Transportation Needs in Mecklenburg County

**January 30, 2008**

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<td>Veterans</td>
<td>To major medical facilities</td>
<td>M-F</td>
<td>Salisbury, Ashville, Durham</td>
<td>Limited provider sites, income, age, etc.</td>
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<td>Low Income</td>
<td>Comprehensive</td>
<td>7 Day</td>
<td>Regional</td>
<td>Job access</td>
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<td>Children with mental health disorders</td>
<td>To schools Lack of other??</td>
<td>M-F</td>
<td>Mecklenburg County</td>
<td>Need adult supervisors</td>
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<td>Users of oversized mobility aids</td>
<td>Medical and emergency</td>
<td>7 Day</td>
<td>Mecklenburg County</td>
<td>Most vehicles designed for standard sized mobility aids; Ability to participate in normal, daily activities</td>
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<td>Dialysis #1 Destination for EGP and RGP</td>
<td>Dialysis Transportation</td>
<td>7 Day</td>
<td>Mecklenburg County</td>
<td>#1 destination for some programs</td>
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<td>Elderly</td>
<td>General Transportation</td>
<td>7 Day</td>
<td>Mecklenburg County</td>
<td>To keep people part of the larger community and to keep them healthy</td>
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<td>Visually Impaired</td>
<td>To appointments and employment</td>
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<td>350 blind veterans alone; lack of mobility impacts quality of life</td>
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APPENDIX D

JARC INTERVIEW RESULTS
Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Grant Program
Interview Summaries to Identify Transportation Needs of Low-Income Individuals

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<td>• Improve transit service connection</td>
<td>• Idlewild-Highway 51</td>
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<td>• Provide subsidies for Bus and Rail</td>
<td>• Thermal Road</td>
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<td>• Provide better access to new properties</td>
<td>• Coliseum Drive &amp; Independence Boulevard</td>
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<td>• Improve cross-town connections</td>
<td>• Eastfield Road</td>
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<td>• Improve service to employment areas</td>
<td>• Statesville Avenue</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Improve shift work connections with transit</td>
<td>• Harris Boulevard</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Provide subsidies for Bus and Rail</td>
<td>• Lake Norman</td>
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<td>• University area</td>
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<td>• Ballantyne area</td>
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<td>• Provide travel training for transit</td>
<td>• Westinghouse Boulevard</td>
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<td>• Look into Van-Pool option</td>
<td>• Statesville Road</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Improve timed transfers</td>
<td>• Monroe Road</td>
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<td>• Improve service to employment areas</td>
<td>• Albemarle Road</td>
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<td>• Lake Norman area</td>
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<td>• Westlake–Yorkmont</td>
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<td>• Arrowood area</td>
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<td>• JW Clay- University area</td>
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United Way of Charlotte

**Key Needs:**
- Way to Work Program-Cars for Work
- Address Job-Hopping (two(2) part-time jobs)
- Improve transit service connection
- Improve shift work connections with transit
- Provide subsidies for Bus and Rail

**Key Locations:**
- Westinghouse Blvd
- Statesville Road
- Freedom Drive
- Billy Graham Parkway

Urban League

**Key Needs:**
- Provide travel training for transit
- Look into Van-Pool option
- Improve timed transfers
- Improve service to employment areas
- Increase trip amounts

**Key Locations:**
- Rozzelles Ferry Road
- Tuckaseegee Road
- Tyvola Road
- Wilkinson Boulevard
- Arrowood Road
- Northlake area

Transportation Priorities

Based on the transportation needs for low-income individuals identified above the JARC Stakeholders prioritized them as follows:

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<th>Employment Security Commission</th>
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<td>Expand public transit services to suburban employment centers and provide better schedules to meet shift times</td>
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<td>8</td>
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<td>Provide more public transit service on current services to major employment areas (add weekend service, earlier and later service on weekday, etc.)</td>
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<td>Expand service to employment training centers and childcare facilities.</td>
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<td>Expand public transit crosstown services and improve time transfers</td>
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<td>Expand Free/subsidized pass programs for JARC target groups</td>
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<td>Expand Van Pool program</td>
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<td>Implement Ways to Work Program</td>
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APPENDIX E

JARC / NEW FREEDOM SOLICITATION PROCESS
JARC/ NEW FREEDOM SOLICITATION PROCESS

CATS will conduct a solicitation for proposals to fund JARC and New Freedom projects as funding is available. The next solicitation for proposals will be issued in summer of 2010, and will cover up to a two year funding cycle. The subsequent solicitation for proposals to fund JARC and New Freedom projects will be conducted every two years thereafter.

7.1 CATS Call for JARC and New Freedom Projects 2009 and 2010

The schedule for the CATS 2009/2010 solicitation for JARC and New Freedom projects is as follows:

Project Solicitation Issued    July
Proposals Due    July
Proposal Review/Recommendations    August
MPO Final Selections    September
FTA Funding Requests    September

7.2 CATS Call for JARC and New Freedom Projects Beyond 2010

Depending on when funding is made available solicitation for JARC and New Freedom projects should follow the schedule below:

Project Solicitation Issued    July
Proposals Due    July
Proposal Review/Recommendations    August
MPO Final Selections    September
FTA Funding Requests    September

7.3 Proposal Selection Criteria

The human services transportation planning committee in 2008 identified the following selection criteria and points to fund JARC and New Freedom projects (Table 2).
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JARC and New Freedom Project Selection Criteria

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APPENDIX F

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<td>Extend transit services to Mount Holly in order to provide more opportunities for jobs</td>
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<td>Expand airport route frequency in order to provide better access to jobs and opportunities.</td>
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<td>The Housing Authority of Charlotte</td>
<td>Strategy 4 Expand Transportation Options</td>
<td>Housing Authority will provide bus passes to low income individuals for work related trips through its “Moving Aside the Obstacles to Work” program</td>
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<td>Charlotte Center for Urban Ministry, Inc</td>
<td>Strategy 4 Expand Transportation Options</td>
<td>Urban Ministry will provide bus passes to individuals for employment assistance through its “Get to Work” program</td>
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<td>New Freedom</td>
<td>Metrolina Association for the Blind</td>
<td>Strategy 2 Improve Existing Services</td>
<td>Purchased 3 ea. vans in order to transport visually impaired customers. Service allows customers to remain active in the community and independent</td>
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<td>New Freedom</td>
<td>Disability Rights</td>
<td>Strategy 1 Mobility Management</td>
<td>Provide and expand the availability of travel training to individuals. Develop a tool box of services for seniors and people with disabilities</td>
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<td>Strategy 2 Improve Existing Services</td>
<td>Enhance bus stops by Installing Braille Markers at bus stops so visually impaired individuals may navigate the system more easily</td>
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