



AGENDA ITEM #9

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Policy Board
FROM: Karen Parkhurst, Planning and Policy Director
DATE: September 7, 2022
SUBJECT: Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) Update – Public Review

PURPOSE

To notify the Board that the Human Services Transportation Plan is out for public review and enlist help from members to reach a diverse community.

MEMBERS:

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City of Olympia
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ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

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Summary:

Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP)

- To qualify for certain funding sources, federal and state law requires that the Council adopt and update a Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP). This coordinated plan must be "developed and approved through a process that includes participation by seniors, individuals with disabilities, representatives of public, private, and nonprofit transportation and human services providers and other members of the public."
The HSTP articulates current transportation services, needs, gaps, and strategies to support people - who because of age, ability, or income - may face transportation barriers and challenges. This update includes a greater focus on equity and an overview on the impacts of COVID on transportation options - including use of COVID funds to support transportation services.
At Council adoption, the HSTP will also include a Prioritized Project List. For projects to qualify for the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) Consolidated Grant Program, they must be on this list. TRPC also has the opportunity to "grade" the projects on the List. Based on demographics, WSDOT provides each RTP/MPO with a certain number of A's, B's, C's, and an unlimited number of D's. These grades equate to points. Once WSDOT has completed initial review and ranking of submitted projects, it then applies the regional points.
Every 4 years, TRPC must update the HSTP. Every 2 years, TRPC must update the Prioritized Project List.
Throughout the creation of this update, we have tried a variety of methods to reach a diverse community. This included the region-wide Transportation Priorities Survey and project-specific surveys and input.
For the public review, in addition to general public notice, we are reaching out again to people who may face transportation challenges and organizations who support them. We hope to generate more information for the plan during the 2-month review period.
The goals set forth in the last several versions of the Plan still resonate with the community:
o Increase mobility options.
o Improve individual service.
o Increase coordination with other systems and programs.
o Improve efficiency.
o Identify and obtain sustainable funding to close gaps.
o Broadly distribute information about available transportation options.

REQUESTED ACTION

Review the Plan and help inform the community about the chance to comment and add content.

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EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS

How has equity been considered in this agenda item?

The Transportation Priorities Survey will inform this project, as it identifies transportation needs and priorities for the diverse population of the region. TRPC used focus groups, interviews, presentations at meetings, and other outreach tools, to identify needs, gaps, and to broaden awareness of available transportation services and tools. The plan focuses on those who - because of age, income, or ability - may face limited transportation options, which includes populations who may not traditionally participate in planning efforts. TRPC plans for active engagement during the public review process.