



MEMORANDUM

To: Technical Advisory Committee, Regional Transportation Planning Organization
Steering Committee, Board of Directors

From: MVRPC Staff

Date: August 15, 2024

Subject: Greater Region Mobility Initiative Transportation Coordination Plan Update
2024-2028 Adoption

This memo provides background information to the MVRPC Technical Advisory Committee and Board of Directors on the Greater Region Mobility Initiative Transportation Coordination Plan Update.

[The Greater Region Mobility Initiative Transportation Coordination Plan](#) (GRMI Plan) is an effort led by MVRPC in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Office of Transit. The GRMI Plan was established in 2018 as one of two pilot regions across the state to bring together rural and urban communities to improve transportation coordination, reduce duplication and gaps in services, and eliminate transportation barriers. This plan covers an eight-county region in Ohio consisting of Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Shelby counties. The first GRMI Plan was adopted in 2018 and renewed in 2020. The GRMI Plan Update, once approved, will be implemented in the years 2024 through 2028.

Over the past year, the GRMI Plan underwent an extensive update in partnership with GRMI agencies using grassroots community input, surveys, focus groups, and data analysis. The purpose is to identify unmet needs for transportation services, establish goals and strategies for meeting needs, and prioritize projects for funding and implementation. With a focus on non-driving populations, the report includes an analysis of travel patterns, trip generators, and demographics, an overview of transportation services, a needs assessment, coordinated goals and strategies, and roles and responsibilities.

Key plan revisions are as follows by chapter:

- Chapter 1 – Characteristics of the Greater Region: adding an assessment on travel patterns and trip generators and additional metrics and tools for the demographic assessments.
- Chapter 2 – Overview of Available Services: a breakdown of the network of transportation services by system type, instead of by county, including public, private, active, and regional transportation services.



- Chapter 3 – Assessments of Transportation Needs: a deeper assessment of regional needs through a comprehensive effort to gather public feedback including adding a regional public survey, focus groups, and a provider survey.
- Chapter 4 – Recommendations, Roles & Responsibilities: depicting a clear picture of expectations, roles, and responsibilities of all parties involved in implementing the plan. In addition, step-by-step processes are laid out for plan revisions, updates, and amendments.
- Chapter 5 – Goals and Strategies: combined or shared goals and strategies, identifying various levels of participation, types of projects, and interconnectivity between goals and strategies.

The Greater Region Mobility Initiative Transportation Coordination Plan Update will guide transit and human service transportation coordination work among providers in the Greater Region. The goals are as follows:

1. Increase public awareness of services
2. Maintain, improve and expand services
3. Enhance coordination of services
4. Seek additional funding opportunities

Further documentation and information:

All documents related to the GRMI Plan Update can be found on the MVRPC website:
www.mvrpc.org/mobility

A resolution adopting the final GRMI Plan Update is attached for your review and consideration. The MVRPC staff recommends approval of the GRMI Plan Update.

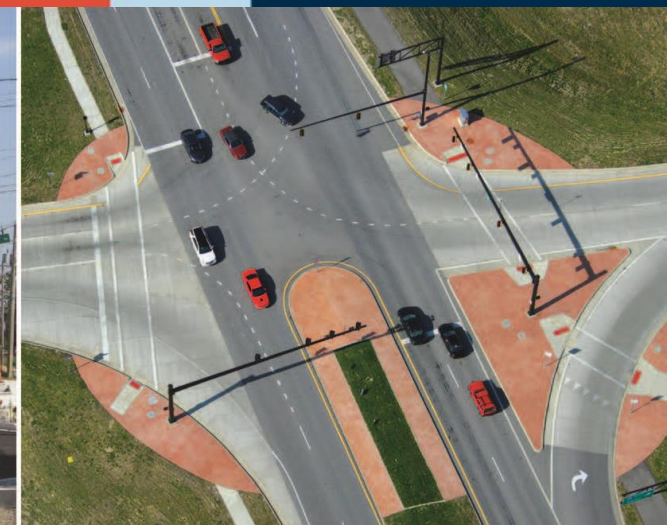
Attachments:

1. Background Transportation Coordination Plan Update
2. Resolution for Adoption: RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE GREATER REGION MOBILITY INITIATIVE TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION PLAN UPDATE 2024-2028



 **MIAMI VALLEY** Regional Planning Commission

Adoption of GRMI Transportation Coordination Plan Update



Agenda



GREATER REGION MOBILITY INITIATIVE

Transportation Coordination Plan Update

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- Plan Purpose
- Report Overview
- Public Input
- Questions

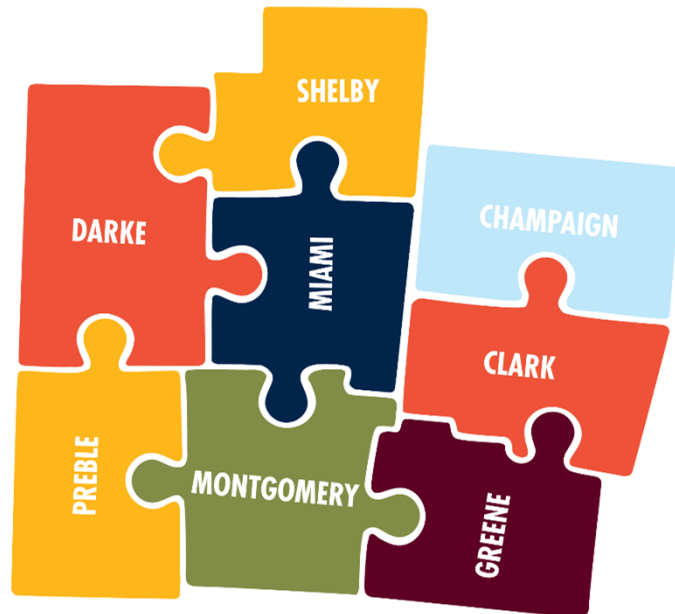




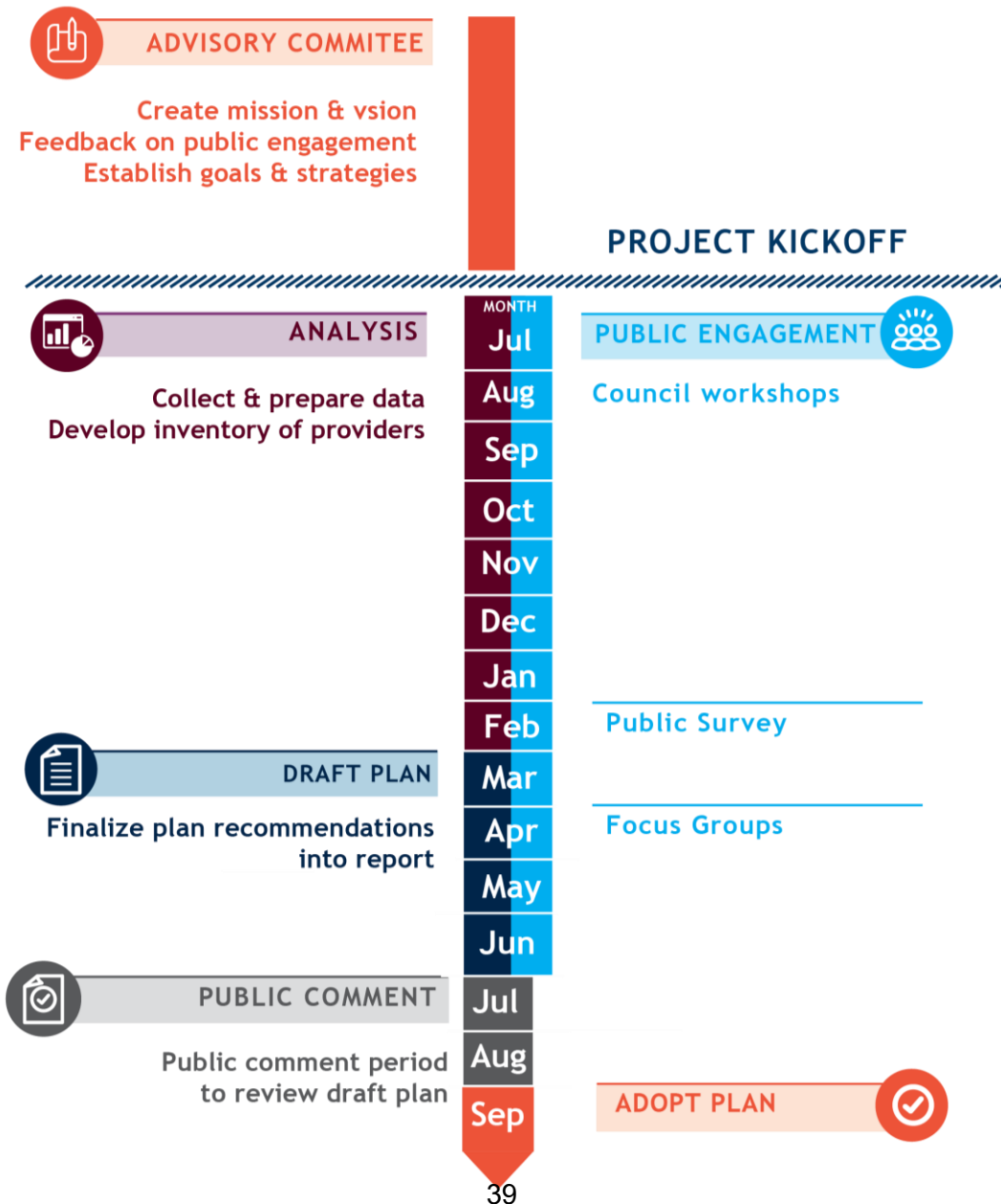
Plan Purpose

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To identify unmet needs for transportation services, establish local and regional goals and strategies for meeting needs, and prioritize projects for funding and implementation.



Planning Timeline





Report Overview

Chapters



GREATER REGION MOBILITY INITIATIVE

Transportation Coordination Plan Update

2024/2028



Background

Chapter 1: Characteristics of the Greater Region

Chapter 2: Overview of Available Services

Chapter 3: Assessment of Transportation Needs

Chapter 4: Recommendations, Roles & Responsibilities

Chapter 5: Goals & Strategies

Appendix



Background: Vision

The Greater Region Mobility Initiative promotes regional mobility by identifying and addressing transportation barriers.



Image source: <https://www.sharedmobilityprinciples.org/resources>



Background: Mission

The Greater Region Mobility Initiative aims to improve transportation services and reduce transportation barriers through expanded outreach, resource sharing, and streamlined and coordinated services in an 8-county region known as the Greater Region.

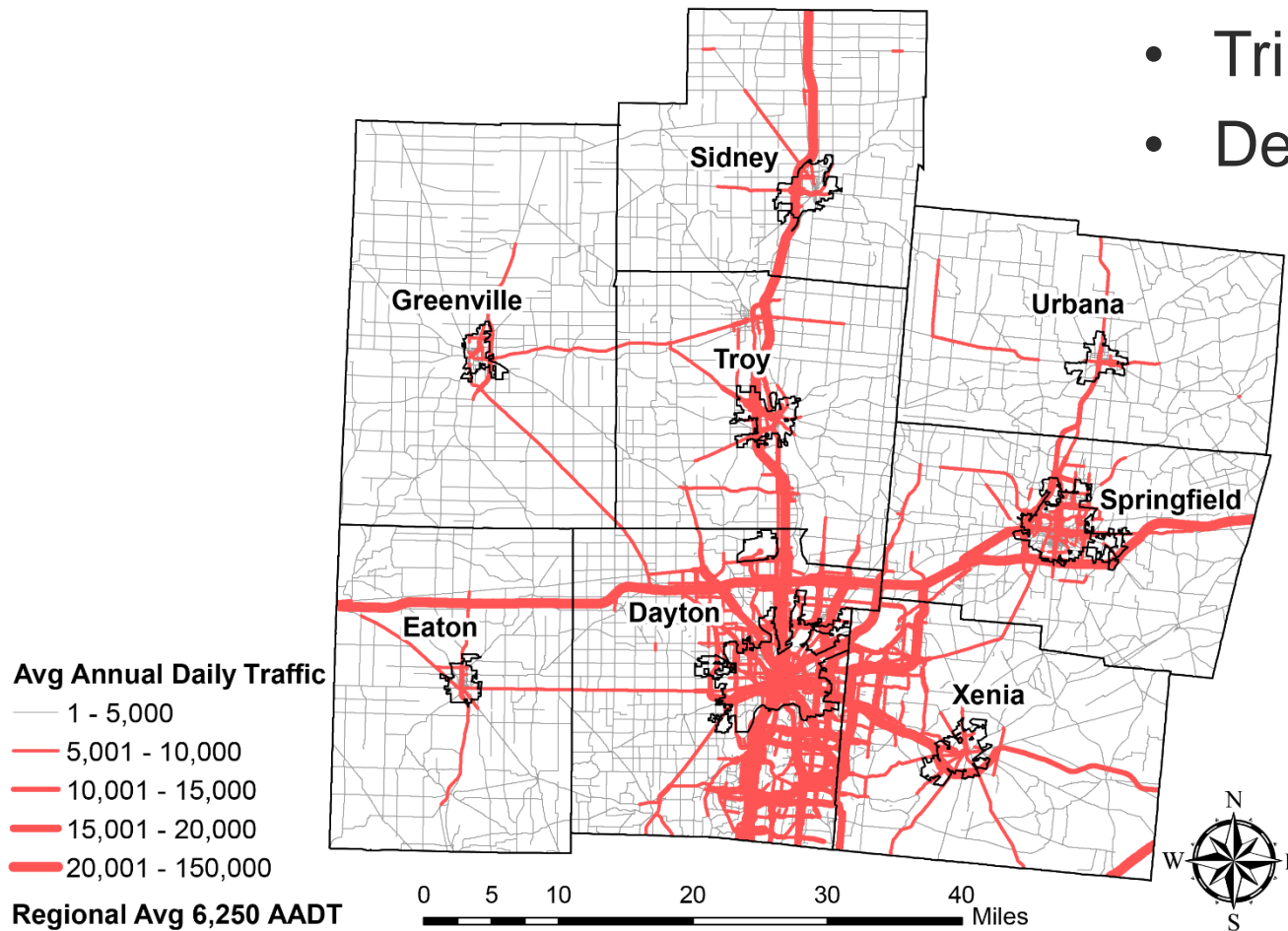


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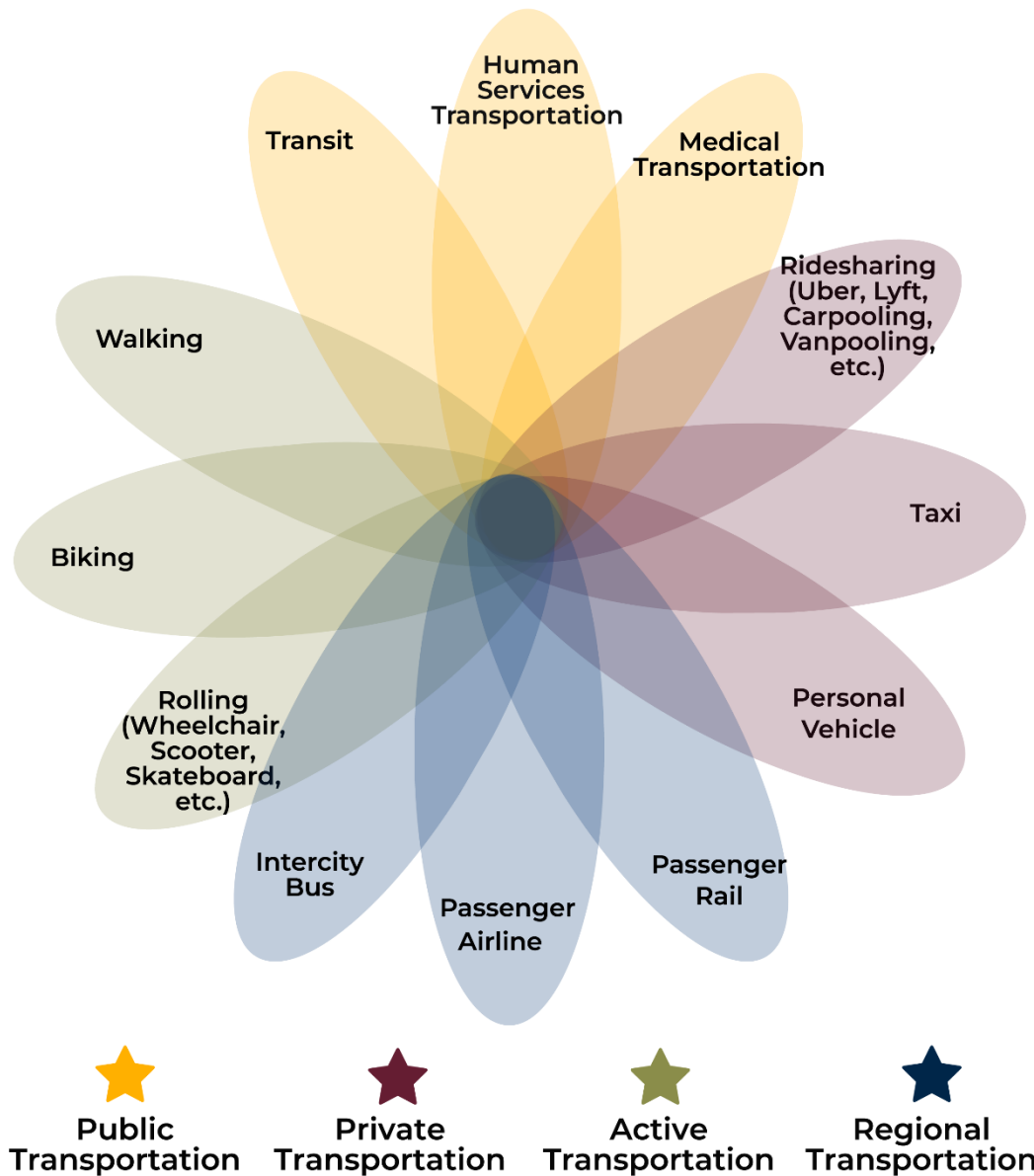


Chapter 1: Characteristics of the Greater Region

- Travel Patterns
- Trip Generators
- Demographics



Chapter 2: Overview of Available Services



Chapter 3: Assessment of Transportation Needs

1. Employment & medical trips

2. County-wide & cross-county trips

3. Capacity & information sharing

4. Funding resources

5. Early mornings, nights & weekends

6. Awareness & outreach

7. Driver shortages

1. Review of Unmet Needs
2. SWOT Analysis
3. Public Survey
4. Focus Groups
5. Provider Survey



Chapter 3: Public Survey

Age ▾

County ▾

Race/Ethnicity ▾

Users of Mobility Devices

Users on Medicaid

Users of Public Transit

Users of NEMT

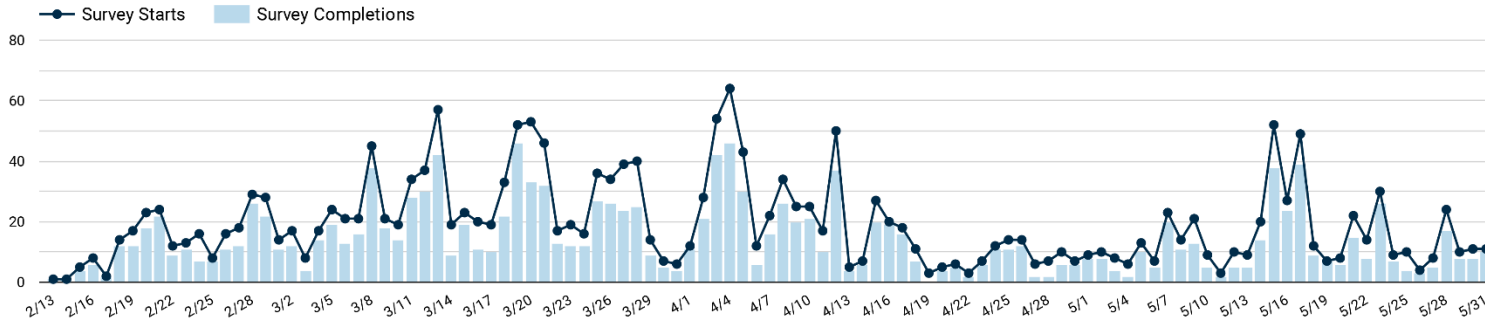
English Second Language

Hispanic or Latino Users

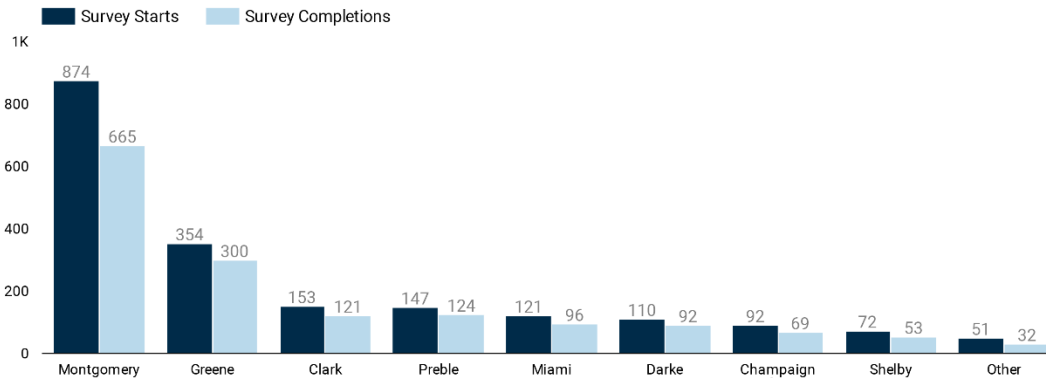
SURVEY TRAFFIC & SOURCES

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| SURVEY STARTS 2,101 | SURVEY COMPLETIONS 1,552 | COMPLETION RATE 73.9% | NON-AD STARTS 1,102 | AD STARTS 999 |
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SURVEY STARTS & COMPLETIONS OVER TIME



RESPONDENTS BY COUNTY



"OTHER" COUNTIES

| County | Survey Starts ▾ | Completions |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Warren | 14 | 11 |
| Hamilton | 8 | 6 |
| Outside Ohio | 8 | 6 |
| Butler | 5 | 2 |
| Logan | 1 | 1 |
| Portage | 1 | 0 |
| Wayne | 1 | 0 |
| Kent | 1 | 1 |
| Franklin | 1 | 1 |

Grand total

40

28

Chapter 4: Recommendations, Roles & Responsibilities



- Recommendations
- Participation
- Roles & Responsibilities
- Plan Revision
- Plan Updates
- Plan Amendments



Chapter 5: Goals & Strategies

1. Increase public awareness of services
2. Maintain, improve & expand services
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Public Input

Public Meetings

Meetings Aug 6 - 9

- Zoom Meeting: 13
- Clark County: 5
- Darke County: 2
- Champaign County: 4
- Total: 24



Comments on Format for Feedback



Comment: An email was received asking how to fill out the public survey.

Response: The public survey is closed, however, we encouraged the participant to join our public meetings or share direct feedback on the plan draft.

Comment: An email was received questioning why an in-person event wasn't held in Montgomery County.

Response: A virtual meeting was offered for all communities to join and the in-person events for comments in person if they are unable to join a virtual meeting. We offered in-person opportunities in select outlying communities based on the feedback of partner agencies.



Feedback on Provider Challenges



Comment: Concerns about the lack of bus stops near parks in Springfield.

Response: Shared feedback directly with the Springfield City Area Transit. Advised that this system will soon eliminate fixed routes/bus stops and operate on-demand.

Comment: Concerns about the lack of and quality of intercounty travel options.

Response: Shared feedback directly with ODOT. Advised that the state is reviewing opportunities to potentially expand Federally funded intercity bus system and Amtrak into our region.

Comment: Concerns with the reduction of services in Greene County since COVID, impacting the ability to go to events.

Response: Shared feedback directly with Greene CATS Public Transit. Advised that transit partners are struggling to return to pre-COVID demands due to a series of resource challenges.



Feedback on Content



Comment: Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission service provides more transportation services than described.

Response: update the language to reflect the services offered





Questions?



RESOLUTION 24-024 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE GREATER REGION MOBILITY INITIATIVE TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION PLAN UPDATE 2024-2028

WHEREAS, the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) is the designated regional coordinating agency by the Ohio Department of Transportation to establish the regional Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan called the Greater Region Mobility Initiative Transportation Coordination Plan in cooperation with locally elected officials for Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, and Preble Counties; and

WHEREAS, the FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Senior and Individuals with Disabilities Program provides operating and capital assistance funding to transit, non-profit agencies, and qualifying local bodies to provide specialized transportation services to seniors and people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) regulations require that each area receiving FTA Section 5310 funding create a locally developed Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan and update that plan regularly before the award of Section 5310 funds; and

WHEREAS, that MVRPC is responsible for working with the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Transit, to certify all projects awarded under Section 5310 funds align with the goals and strategies of the plan; and

WHEREAS, MVRPC followed the Public Participation Plan in the update of the plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission hereby adopts the above-referenced Greater Region Mobility Initiative Transportation Coordination Plan Update and the recommendations contained therein.

BY ACTION OF THE Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission's Board of Directors.

Brian O. Martin, AICP
Executive Director

Sara Lommatzsch, Chairperson
Board of Directors of the
Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission

Date

Larry Holmes, Third Vice-Chairperson
Board of Directors of the Miami Valley
Regional Planning Commission