

Lake County Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan



Stakeholder Meeting

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Planning Goals

- Fulfill federal requirement to access FTA funds
- Identify strategies to improve mobility for low-income, elderly and persons with disabilities
- Identify and discuss opportunities to enhance transportation coordination in Lake County
- Other?



SAFETEA-LU Planning Requirement

- Projects funded with certain **FTA funds** (JARC, New Freedom, Section 5310) must be derived from a **Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan**.
- Requires plan be developed by a process that includes stakeholder input and public participation.
- Encourages coordination to enhance transportation access, minimize duplication of services, and facilitate cost-effective solutions with available resources.

Caltrans is sponsoring plans for 23 rural counties in California.

Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC)

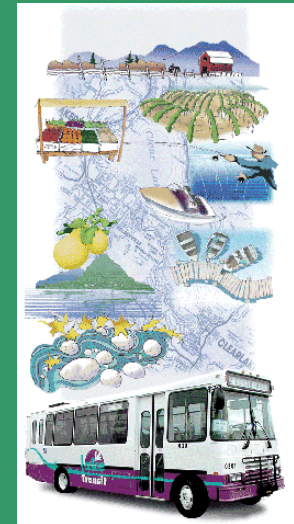
- JARC funds local programs that offer job access services for low-income individuals
- JARC funding distributed to states based on low-income population
- Caltrans is designated recipient for non-urbanized areas of California
- Projects must be derived from Coordination Plan
- Match funds required: 20% for capital, 50% for operations

Examples of Eligible JARC Projects

- Late-night and weekend transit service
- Guaranteed Ride Home Programs
- Vanpools or shuttle services to improve access to employment or training sites
- Car-share or other projects to improve access to autos
- Access to child care and training

New Freedom Program

- New program to provide services for persons with disabilities
- Intended to go “beyond” requirements of ADA
- Funds distributed to states based on population of persons with disabilities
- Designated recipients must select grantees competitively
- Projects must be derived from this plan



Examples of Eligible New Freedom Projects

- Expansion of paratransit service hours or service area beyond minimal requirements
- Purchase of accessible taxi vehicles
- Promotion of accessible ride sharing or vanpool programs
- Administration of volunteer programs
- Building curb-cuts, providing accessible bus stops
- Travel training programs



Elderly Persons & Persons w/ Disabilities (Section 5310)

- Funds allocated by formula to states for capital costs of providing services to elderly persons and persons with disabilities
- Grants selected through competitive process administered by State Department of Transportation
- Projects must be derived from coordinated plan



Mobility Manager

- Considered a “capital” project, requiring 20% match
- JARC, 5310, 5311, New Freedom Program

Activities may include:

- Development of coordinated plans
- Support of state and local coordination policy bodies and councils
- Maintenance and operations of brokerages to coordinate providers, funding, and customers
- Development of one-stop transportation traveler call centers to coordinate transportation information
- Acquisition and operation of technologies

SAFETEA-LU Funding for Non-Urbanized California

	2007	2008	2009
JARC	4,467,218	4,791,210	5,052,269
New Freedom	2,339,499	2,658,396	2,810,304
Elderly/Disabled Section 5310 (statewide)	12,394,851	13,496,069	14,218,737
TOTAL	\$ 19,201,568	\$20,945,675	\$ 22,081,310

Required Elements of the Plan

- (1) An assessment of available services that identifies current transportation providers (public, private, and non-profit);
- (2) An assessment of transportation needs for individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with low incomes;
- (3) Strategies, activities and/or projects to address the identified gaps between current services and needs; and,
- (4) Priorities for implementation based on resources, time, and feasibility for implementing specific strategies and/or activities identified.



Assessment of Transportation Needs

Purpose: Identify transportation needs specific to older adults, persons with disabilities, and those of low-income status.

Key Steps/Outcomes:

- Review existing data or other reports/findings, i.e. Transit Development Plan, TDA Unmet Needs Findings
- Identify and review other resources
- Interview key stakeholders
- Seek input from SSTAC
- Document key findings



Assessment of Available Services

Purpose: Identify current service providers, levels of services, sources of funds to support human service transportation in Lake County.

Key Steps/Outcomes:

- Review preliminary inventory conducted by Caltrans
- Confirm accuracy, completeness
- Where needed, collect funding and service delivery information
- Follow-up to clarify information
- Summarize key findings



Identify Strategies and Solutions

Purpose: Identify strategies, activities or projects that could address identified unmet transportation needs.

Key Steps/Outcomes:

- Seek input from SSTAC, key stakeholders regarding potential strategies
- Explore opportunities to enhance service coordination to improve efficiencies, reduce service duplication
- Target strategies to directly address gaps and barriers
- Summarize key findings

Priorities for Implementation

Purpose: Fulfill requirements of SAFETEA-LU to prioritize strategies.

Key Tasks/Outcomes:

- Develop criteria for conducting assessment
- Apply criteria to preliminary list of strategies
- Review needs, strategies and draft priorities with stakeholders and with members of the public



Public Involvement

Purpose: Fulfill requirements of SAFETEA-LU, provide opportunity for public comment.

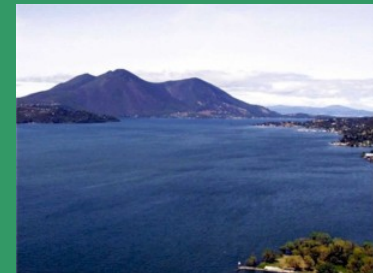
Key Tasks/Outcomes:

- Reach consensus on how best to conduct outreach
- Allow a broader range of stakeholders, including members of the public, to have direct input into planning process
- Summarize findings

Draft and Final Plan

- **Draft Plan with preliminary strategies:** Spring 2008
- Caltrans will consider draft plans when making funding decisions
- Conduct outreach, receive comments, revise plan

Final Plan: October 2008



Planning Schedule

Purpose: Fulfill requirements of SAFETEA-LU, provide opportunity for public comment.

Key Tasks/Outcomes:

- Convene Stakeholder Workshop (**January 2008**)
- Caltrans Call for Projects (**early 2008**)
- Existing Conditions Report (**March 31, 2008**)
- Projects due to Caltrans "**late Spring**" 2008
- Follow-up Stakeholder Coordination Workshop (**Spr. 2008**)
- Final Plan (**October 15, 2008**)