

# Barrier

- *Something that obstructs*
- *Structure blocking access; structure intended to prevent access or to keep one program separate from another*

What is a Barrier in the context of coordinated regional service?

- Federal Statute
- Federal Agency Regulation
- Federal Funding Policy
  
- Texas Statute (Transportation Code, for example)
- Texas Regulation (Administrative Code, for example)
- Texas Agency Policy, especially funding policy
  
- Regional Government Policy
- Local Agency Policy

How to recognize a Barrier?

- Written into statute
- Written into code
- Written into regulation
- Written into contract language for funding agreement

Are all Barriers in writing, i.e. Real?

- Real Barriers
- Perceived Barriers can be Real Barriers

**Region: Texoma #22**

**Barrier # \_4\_**

Brief description of the Barrier:

New State Funding for small urban transit programs has penalized previously cost effective operations.

**Source of Barrier**

**Is the Barrier officially documented?** If Yes, define specific source of Barrier.

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- Regional Government Policy \_\_\_\_\_
- Local Agency Policy \_\_\_\_\_
- Local Interpretation of Federal/State law \_\_\_\_\_

**Is the Barrier something you know by reference but not necessarily documented?** If Yes, define your best understanding of the source of Barrier.

**Specifically describe how this Barrier is obstructing coordinated regional service.** Attach additional pages as required to describe in detail and with supporting facts.

New formula cuts state funding to local agency by 10% a year for 5 years which equals a 50% reduction. Since state dollars are used to match federal funding (which is going up) the local agency will lose **5 times** that amount in capital purchasing power (80/20 match) i.e. \$1 loss state funds + \$4 loss in federal funds = total \$ 5 loss.

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