

Inventory of Public Transportation Resources

Texas Transportation Institute is preparing to move ahead with the state-wide inventory of public transportation resources on behalf of the Texas Department of Transportation. The inventory gathers summary information on resources including:

- Service area, service modes, span of service
- Passenger eligibility, ridership by client type
- Fare structure, general financial information
- Fleet composition (number of vehicles by size, seating, wheelchair locations, manufacturer, fuel type, average age)
- Functional areas/ opportunities for coordination
- Information on contracted services

Over the next 30 days we will be finalizing the data collection instrument. A revised draft, reflecting input we received from several regions last November, will be distributed to the Lead Agencies and TxDOT Public Transportation Coordinators (PTC) for any final comment or clarification. Concurrently, TTI will also conduct an in-person group review involving a variety of service providers in one region to ensure that the questions can be clearly understood. After doing any final adjustments to the data collection instrument, TTI will disseminate the final instrument to the public transportation providers in each region and provide each Lead Agency of copy of the final instrument as well.

In preparation for distribution of the instrument, I request that each region complete the following:

1. Prepare a list of all public transportation providers in your region, including contact information. As a reminder, a provider is defined as any entity that conveys passengers, whether a governmental entity or any other entity that receives financial assistance for that conveyance from any governmental entity. This list will be the basis for dissemination of the final instrument.
2. Prepare a list of towns, cities, counties or any other appropriate geographical subdivisions within your region. The instrument you receive from TTI will then contain the geographic subdivisions you specify, creating a mechanism for complete, consistent and thorough reporting of service area coverage by each provider.

These two steps will enable a rapid distribution and useful service coverage information. Thanks in advance for this preparatory work. If you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me,

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