

Lubbock Region

Report to the Regional Planning and Public Transportation Study Group

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- Lubbock Region – includes Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Mitchell, Motley, Scurry, Terry, and Yoakum counties.
- Lead agency – Citibus
- Work Plan
 - Group is made up of one urban and four rural transportation providers, local cab company, TxDOT, South Plains Association of Governments Area Association on Aging, WorkSource, one adult day care facility, the local MPO, and state Health and Human Services Commission.
 - Met six times, with draft plan completed
 - Several members of the group are in attendance today
 - Next meeting set for November 7
- Working budget – The MPO has given \$20,000 for planning efforts; work charged against this amount will include writing the final plan, investigation of technology, working with all transportation providers to implement compatible technologies, training, and travel. We estimate that an additional \$15,000 will be needed over the next year to fully fund activities related to coordination. A major planning expense that we anticipate is submitting the response to the Medicaid RFP as a group.
- Inventory of constraints
 - Need some relief on service area boundaries
 - Ways to share vehicles in order to “even out” capacities
 - Overlap between Section 5311 and Section 5307 service areas and funding
 - Medicaid’s choices of provider policies inhibit coordination
 - Complication of medical transportation funding between Medicaid, adult day care centers, and nursing homes
 - Every provider in the region has a different fiscal year, which complicates budgets, contracts, etc.
 - **NO MEDICAID RFP**
 - Difficult to identify all potential participants in the process
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