#### **Executive Advisory Committee**

# COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN

February 20, 2024

## WHAT IS THE COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CHSTP)?

- Develop strategies that improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities
- Encourage coordination to reduce duplication of services
- Required by Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
  - CHSTP requirement established in 2005
  - Must be updated every 4 years
  - Must be in place in order to receive Section 5310 funds
- Guides utilization of funds for Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities

#### COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICES Transportation Plan





#### PLAN REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Inventory of existing transportation services in the St. Louis region
- 2. Assessment the transportation needs of the target population seniors and individuals with disabilities
- 3. Strategies to address the gaps between existing services and the needs assessment
- 4. Priorities for implementing the identified strategies to improve mobility and efficiency

#### PLAN DEVELOPMENT & ENGAGEMENT

- Stakeholder outreach and workshops
  - September 20 Gaps and Unmet Needs
  - November 15 Goals and Strategies
- Provider and Public surveys
  - Open August through October
  - 100+ responses
- Stakeholder strategy prioritization and draft plan review
- Public comment period March 1-31, 2024
- In-person open houses in Missouri and Illinois + a virtual option



#### IDENTIFIED GAPS - FOCUS AREAS

- 1. AFFORDABILITY Increase investment in transportation services and reduce the financial burden of providers, agencies, and riders.
- 2. RELIABILITY Improve the reliability of using and providing transportation services by supporting routine needs and logistics.
- 3. ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL Support the development of the built environment, a robust public transit network, and social programs that foster independence.
- 4. COORDINATION Centralize information and resources to reduce barriers to coordination among agencies and increase public awareness of service options.
- 5. TECHNOLOGY Ensure that people of all ages and abilities benefit equitably from advances in technology.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

DATE	MILESTONE
February 28, 2024	Draft plan presented to Board of Directors
March 1-31, 2024	Public comment period
March 7, 2024	Open house at Glen Carbon Senior Center – 1:00-3:00 pm
March 12, 2024	Virtual open house – 4:00-6:00 pm
March 22, 2024	Open house at Paraquad – 1:30-3:00 pm
April 24, 2024	Final Board approval & adoption

#### QUESTIONS?

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