

## **Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Planning**

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TARC and Metro United Way convened a transportation summit in 2005 to explore how Louisville could make the best use of the community's resources to provide optimal transportation service for persons in need. The summit was convened on the heels of an Executive Order from President Bush calling for greater coordination of the transportation services provided by more than 62 disparate federal agencies. About 30 representatives of community agencies and organizations attended the summit.

A steering committee was appointed at the summit to continue the effort that began there. A second summit was held in 2006 to validate the Steering Committee's mission, vision and short-term action plan. TARC provided staff support to the Steering Committee throughout this process. In September 2006, on the recommendation of the Steering Committee a Regional Mobility Council (RMC) was formed and TARC hired a Mobility Manager, in part to provide ongoing support for these planning and coordination efforts.

The RMC serves in an advisory capacity for the planning, optimization and coordination of transportation resources for the nine-county KIPDA region (Clark and Floyd counties in Indiana; and Bullitt, Henry, Jefferson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, and Trimble counties in Kentucky). Information about the RMC is available here:

<http://www.ridetarc.org/regional-mobility/>

The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21) is the Federal legislation authorizing funds for transportation. MAP-21, administered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), includes the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Section 5310 program funds. Section 5310 provides federal formula funding for the goal of improving mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available. Section 5310 under MAP-21 consolidates what was formerly the New Freedom Section 5317 program with the Section 5310 program.

The Transit Authority of River City (TARC) has been named the designated recipient for the MAP-21 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Section 5310 program funds for the Louisville urbanized area which includes: Clark and Floyd counties in Indiana, and Jefferson, Bullitt and Oldham counties in Kentucky. In order for a project to be eligible to be competitively selected for these funds, the majority of the project must fall within the named urbanized area and if the project is for the provision of transportation service that service must start or end within the named urbanized area.

MAP-21's Section 5310 program includes a requirement for developing a coordinated public transit-human service transportation plan for seniors and people with disabilities. The Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA) developed the *Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP)* for the KIPDA Region, which includes the urbanized area. To view the coordinated plan [click here](#):

All projects selected for funding from the FTA MAP-21 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Section 5310 program funds apportioned for the Louisville urbanized area, must be derived from the goals set forth in the KIPDA Region's coordinated plan (CHSTP) and be competitively selected

TARC (as the Designated Recipient) and the Regional Mobility Council jointly developed the competitive selection process that will be utilized to select projects to recommend for receipt of the Section 5310 funds. The process was developed with the goal of being transparent, fair and accountable. Information about the competitive selection process is made public and posted on the TARC website. Any group that might be interested in submitting an application, desires more information, or wishes to comment is welcome to notify TARC by contacting Nancy Snow, TARC Mobility Manager (phone: 502-561-5145 or e-mail: [nsnow@ridetarc.org](mailto:nsnow@ridetarc.org)).