

# Idaho Public Transportation Plan

## Locally Coordinated Plan for District X

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### 1 Overview

#### 1.1 Purpose of Plan

Describe the purpose that the Local Coordinated Plan (LCP) is meant to fulfill. Reference the requirements of 49 USC 5310. Tie the purpose of the LCP back to statewide goals and objectives.

#### 1.2 Scope and Development of District Plan

Describe the geographic extent of the District plan, and include a map showing location of District X within Idaho.

List the three major elements that the plan covers:

- Inventory of transportation services
- Assessment of service gaps and travel challenges
- Strategies and priorities to address gaps and improve mobility

Include narrative to explain how existing metropolitan plans were considered in the development of the broader District plan. Describe how the District's coordinated plan is integrated with the statewide public transit plan, so that the various planning processes lead to compatible outcomes.

#### 1.3 Stakeholder Participation Process

##### 1.3.1 Notification and Outreach

Describe the planning team's efforts to engage seniors and disabled individuals, educational institutions, students, youth, medical care facilities, low-income populations, military veterans, and native tribal populations.

##### 1.3.2 Local Coordinated Planning Workshop

Describe range of participants that attended the District's LCP workshop. Give an overview of the activities used to solicit input at the workshops, but don't summarize discussion here – workshop information is incorporated later.

##### 1.3.3 Transit Provider Interviews

Identify the provider agencies and representatives interviewed. List topics covered, but don't summarize discussion here – information from provider discussions is incorporated later.

##### 1.3.4 Online Survey

Describe the survey instrument and how it was distributed.

## 2 People and Transportation Services in District X

### 2.1 Transit Propensity

Discuss populations most in need of and most likely to use rural transit services. Include pie chart graphic from open house showing survey responses on top reasons for using transit in District X.

Use info and maps from the LCP PowerPoint and open house displays to describe transit propensity in District X. Include maps showing geographic distribution of:

- Population and Employment
- Older adults
- People with disabilities
- Zero-vehicle households
- Low income populations

### 2.2 Current Transportation Services and Providers

Include table from the LCP PowerPoint and refer to provider profile information in the appendix. Provide narrative for each subsection below, drawing from provider interviews.

#### 2.2.1 Fixed Route

Provide a map of existing fixed route transit services in the District, including intercity bus routes.

#### 2.2.2 Deviated Fixed Route Service

Discuss where deviated fixed route service is being used to meet FTA requirements for paratransit services, and any issues currently associated with that strategy (for example challenges maintaining fixed route times, pricing for deviation, calls for deviation by non-disadvantaged people who simply prefer not to travel to a fixed stop, etc.)

#### 2.2.3 Paratransit Service and Publicly Available Demand Responsive Transit

Describe where demand response and paratransit service is currently available in the District, and any prequalification requirements in use by paratransit providers.

#### 2.2.4 Private Transportation Providers

Identify private providers of transportation services in the District, including taxis, shuttles, and transportation network companies.

#### 2.2.5 Volunteer Driver Networks

Identify any networks of volunteers that provide transportation to populations within the community.

#### 2.2.6 Other Human Services Transportation

Describe Medicaid transport services, and other transportation services available to specific groups, such as retirement center/nursing home residents, vocational/job training centers, employer shuttles, etc.

### 2.3 Current Funding Framework

Describe the current funding framework for public transportation in Idaho, including federal and state revenue sources.

Supplement with information on any local funding mechanisms that may exist within the District.

## 3 Needs and Gaps

### 3.1 General System Needs and Gaps

Present online survey “reasons not to use transit” graphic from the open house display. For each of the subheadings below, develop narrative using notes from LCP workshop discussion, making sure to highlight any needs and/or gaps specifically identified for seniors and disabled populations.

#### 3.1.1 Geographic Service Gaps

Provide summary of LCP workshop discussion on geographic gaps.

#### 3.1.2 Temporal Service Gaps

Provide summary of LCP workshop discussion on temporal gaps.

#### 3.1.3 Trip Type Gaps

Provide summary of LCP workshop discussion on trip type gaps.

#### 3.1.4 Accessibility Needs

Provide summary of LCP workshop discussion on accessibility needs.

#### 3.1.5 Technology Challenges

Provide summary of LCP workshop discussion on technology challenges.

#### 3.1.6 Information Gaps

Provide summary of LCP workshop discussion on information gaps.

#### 3.1.7 Affordability Gaps

Provide summary of LCP workshop discussion on transit affordability issues, if any.

#### 3.1.8 Coordination Gaps

Provide summary of LCP workshop discussion on coordination issues experienced between providers in the District, and/or with providers in other regions.

## 4 Strategies for Meeting Needs

Use PowerPoint slides and discussion notes from LCP workshop to develop narrative for each subsection below.

### 4.1 Filling the Gaps

#### 4.1.1 Information Solutions

Describe strategies for better disseminating transportation service information and improving trip planning/reservation experiences. Summarize LCP workshop participants’ reactions and suggestions.

#### 4.1.2 Service Enhancements

Explain how extending service hours, expanding service areas, and increasing the number of available transit options could be among the strategies used to enhance the public transportation service. Summarize LCP workshop participants' reactions and suggestions.

#### 4.1.3 Complementing the Existing Network

Describe the various options for better utilizing the existing fixed route and demand response services through tools such as a flexible voucher program, travel training, volunteer driver programs, etc. Summarize LCP workshop participants' reactions and suggestions.

#### 4.1.4 Accessibility Improvements

Describe strategies for making transportation more accessible to the public, through infrastructure improvements such as new sidewalks or curb cuts, more visible crosswalk signage, signalized crosswalks, and bus shelters. Summarize LCP workshop participants' reactions and suggestions.

### 4.2 Setting Priorities

Describe public input received on general transit investment priorities. Present online survey "District X Top Priorities" graphic from the open house display.

Describe dot voting process used at the LCP workshop to weigh the potential benefits of solutions described above against how pressing the need is. Include photos of dot-voting exercise.

Describe strategies within each category that were of greatest interest to LCP workshop participants.

### 4.3 Service Coordination Opportunities

Optional Section – If any opportunities to meet needs or fill gaps through coordination between transit providers and human service agencies were identified during the LCP workshops or provider interviews, summarize them here. If any areas of duplicate service were identified, describe potential for consolidation to help free up resources.

## 5 The Plan

Provide a table showing top recommended strategies by category, implementation timeframe, estimated cost (if known), and potential resources or sources of funding for implementation. (Use same tabular template for all LCP's.)

## Appendix

- Provider profiles
- Online survey results