

Transportation Subcommittee  
Notes from April 6, 2023 meeting

- I. Need more information
  - a. Look at reports that have already been completed
  - b. What's working well in MO and other states
  - c. Is there software to make it easy to see what provider would be available at no or low cost?
  - d. Need technology AND training options
  
- II. Need to build network
  - a. Way to match / collaborate services across the state to people who need them, regardless of provider
  - b. Consider all different kinds of transportation modalities (especially the last mile to get people to where they need to go)
  
- III. Think broadly about "Transportation"
  - a. Mobility and Safety
  - b. Infrastructure and walkable communities
  
- IV. Rural Missouri
  - a. Last mile / walkable communities—bigger challenges in rural areas
  - b. Hospitals are closing in rural areas
  - c. Gap between Amtrak stations and where people need to go
  
- V. Miscellaneous
  - a. Need to recognize that needs and expectations are different for older adults now than in the past—how to expand options for necessary medical trips with recreational trips
  - b. Missouri is rural—need training for aging population on using more simplified transportation apps (Jefferson City has Token app)
  - c. Workforce issues: massive operator shortages in rural and urban areas—statewide challenge that's impacting service on streets (losing operators faster than gaining them)
  - d. Differences between rural / suburban / urban areas, but common issues
    - i. Limited funding
    - ii. Workforce challenges
    - iii. Older adults have limited access to vehicles
    - iv. Older adults living on very low incomes
  - e. Rising operational costs
    - i. Vehicle costs are increasing, which means providers are using vehicles longer (and older vehicles require more maintenance)
    - ii. Shortage of vehicles available
  - f. Option for electric vehicles—older adults like it and can track environmental benefits

- VI. Next steps
  - a. What do we need to do to prepare for the aging population?
  - b. What can we change? MPA is a change event—need to look forward!
  - c. Future meetings:
    - i. Virtual
    - ii. Quarterly, Thursdays at same time
    - iii. Record meetings