MEETING NOTES

FRANKLIN COUNTY MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
111 LIBERTY STREET, SUITE 100
COLUMBUS, OH 43215
BOARD ROOM CONFERENCE ROOM

March 13th, 2023
10:00 AM

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
    a. Roundtable introductions of those in attendance: Cindy Turvey, Denise Blackburn-Smith (Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities FCBDD), Andy Volenik (Delaware County Transit), Jeff Schmelzer (Fairfield County Mobility Manager), Jeannie Chai (FCBDD), Tonya Layman (Delaware County Mobility Manager), Emma Strange (MORPC), John Gardocki (MORPC), Clare DiCuccio (MORPC), Brian Zimmerman (Community Refugee and Immigration Services), Reuben Shendo (Clintonville Beechwold Community Resource Center), Steve Skovensky (Community Shelter Board), Amber Boyd (COTA), Corrina Hyde (COTA), Barb Sullivan (Franklin County Senior Options), Amy Van Huffel (Hilliard Rec and Parks), Leah Bunck (Lifecare Alliance), Christine Happel (Age Friendly Innovation Center), Tamara (COAAA), Clint Stockham (Arc Industries)
2. **5310 Funding Presentation by John Gardocki**
    a. John Gardocki, Transit Principal Planner at MORPC, gave a brief presentation about 5310 funds. The application for 2023 will be open in Fall of 2023. There is a mandatory town hall event to attend for applicants.
        i. Direct questions and requests for more information to John Gardocki (jgardocki@morpc.org) or Clare DiCuccio (cdicuccio@morpc.org)
3. **Updates**
    a. Emma Strange: Region 6 Mobility Managers are working together on a region-wide survey as part of the Regional Mobility Plan's yearly update. The survey will be available at the next FCMAC meeting. Mobility Management in Franklin County will soon have a website where Franklin County residents and service providers can request training and presentations.
4. **Goals and Strategy Discussion**
    a. Language for new Goal 2 strategies was proposed from the conversation at the last FCMAC:
        i. Strategy 2.2: Support transportation providers in driver recruitment and employer outreach. Track recruitment efforts and effective strategies for driver retention.
            1. Working with COTA closely is important for this strategy

        2. John Gardocki brought up that pursuing policy changes that would allow for more people to apply for positions with COTA.
     ii. Strategy 2.3: Develop a funding pool for one-time emergency rides for use by social service agencies. Pursue 5310 funding for this goal.
b. There are many options for potential subcommittees to focus on specific strategies
c. Next meeting: April 10th 10 am. There will be an in-person and hybrid option. This meeting is open to the public and if there is an individual or organization that you believe should be included, please forward the invitation to them and let Emma know (estrange@morpc.org)

GOALS	STRATEGIES
Goal 1: Expand Services for Disadvantaged Populations	Strategy 1.1: Seek and use 5310 and 5307 funding to support this goal
	Strategy 1.2: Maintain expanded Mainstream and Mainstream On-Demand Hours. Continue to explore rider needs and adjust as needed
	Strategy 1.3: Develop an inventory of non-medical and volunteer driver services. Develop best practice vetting processes
	Strategy 1.4: Support joint RFPs among social agencies for purchased transportation to reduce costs and simplify trips for users
	Strategy 1.5: Identify and pursue regional connectivity through the County Connections initiative
	Strategy 1.6: Support the implementation of fare evaluation for COTA services, including COTA Plus, to support economic accessibility
	Strategy 1.7: Support the integration of bus stop and sidewalk improvements by encouraging the existence of and participating in a working group with the Franklin County Engineers Office and the City of Columbus
Goal 2: Encourage Flexible Policies to Improve Transit Accessibility	Strategy 2.1: Develop an oversight committee for MORPC administered 5310 funding. Encourage a goal to expand reach of federal 5310 allocations.
	Strategy 2.2 Improve coordination for transportation integration in land use decisions
Goal 3: Increase Awareness of Programs and Services	Strategy 3.1: Increase training opportunities for transportation services for customers and care givers
	Strategy 3.2: Release and market Gohio Mobility and develop a user working group for evaluating effectiveness
	Strategy 3.3: Use plain language, picture based instruction, and expand languages offered in marketing and training materials to improve accessibility of outreach initiatives
	Strategy 3.4 Encourage coordination among mobility application providers through API and SDK for one-stop scheduling