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Franklin County Mobility Advisory Committee Meeting – 2026 Q4

October 26, 2026

Franklin County Office on Aging
2nd Floor, South Conference Room

10:00-11:00AM

NOTES

1. Welcome and Introductions
    a. Attendees: Brandon Boyd, Jill Collins, Scott Fisher, Claire Huffman, Corrina Hyde, Patty Olmsted, Hannah Ruscin, Sam Smith, Stephanie Sparrow-Hughes, Barbara Sullivan
2. Mobility Manager Updates
    a. 2026 Q3 Key Activities
        i. AARP Coffee Chat (Jul)
        ii. Columbus ArborFest (Aug)
        iii. Accessible Ohio Expo (Aug)
        iv. Connection with LSS 211/Marcie (Aug)
        v. FCBDD Provider Fair (Sept)
        vi. Senior Wellness Jamboree (Sept)
        vii. Ohio Department of Medicaid Employee Health Fair (Sept)
        viii. FCSCC Crash Victim Resources Working Group (Jul-Sept)
    b. 2026 Q3 Resident Cases

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i. July: 9 cases

ii. August: 17 cases

iii. September: 15 cases

iv. Common Themes: NEMT, financial assistance

3. GoBus Program Overview – Scott Fisher, Hocking-Athens-Perry Community Action Program



   a. ODOT has funded GoBus as a rural intercity bus program

      i. The primary goal is to connect rural towns to big cities.

      ii. 50% of riders are college students, but it serves everyone else, incluing older adults.

      iii. GoBus started in 2010 with just 2 routes; today there are connected routes across the state.

      iv. 2024 saw the highest ridership ever wither over a million rides.

   b. Service information

      i. Tickets start at $5 with a maximum of $40 for the longest trips (most are $20-25).

      ii. No baggage fees, tickets can be purchased up to 120 days in advance; riders can pay in cash at the bus

      iii. Riders must be over 16.

      iv. Each bus can transport up to 2 wheelchairs; there are lifts.

      v. 48 counties are serviced, incldiung 77% of all Ohioans – and 93% of stops also served by public transit.

      vi. Free WiFi and charging ports at each station.

      vii. Bikes and other luggage can be taken.

      viii. For individuals who are not online, they can call and purchase a ticket over the phone or pay with exact change on the bus.

   c. In Columbus, there are stops at the airport and on Mound Street – and OSU is soon to come.

4. Partner Roundtable
    a. COTA: New travel trainer will start in November. The promotional pass program has hit capacity for this year and will reopen in 2027.
5. Franklin County Office on Aging Presentation – Barbara Sullivan, Franklin County Office on Aging

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    a. FCOA is a levy-funded agency that serves as a one-stop shop for referral and services. The levy was originally passed in 1992.
    b. The program is open to all, without requiring participants to spend down or sacrifice level of care.
    c. Programs:
        i. Senior Options
        ii. Minor home repair
        iii. Caregiver support
        iv. Kinship support
        v. Adult protective services
        vi. Bridge team
        vii. Grants
        viii. Communciations & outreach
    d. Senior Options include home-delivered meals, home repair, personal care, respite care, adult day services, homemaker services, transportation, and emergency response systems (ERS).
        i. Payment is on a sliding scale based on income and assets – about 70% do not have a cost.
            1. People can call (614) 525-6200 or make a professional referral online.
            2. The levy can subsidize costs, for example with ERS.
    e. See slides, call (614) 525-6200, or visit https://www.franklincountyohio.gov/Resident-Services/Seniors/Senior-Options-Programs for program details.

The next FCMAC will be on January 12, 2027.