

Portage County

Locally Developed, Coordinated Public Transit-Human Service Transportation Plan

2024 - 2028



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INTRODUCTION-WHY COORDINATION?

Transportation is among the most requested support services for seniors and individuals with disabilities. It allows individuals to remain in a community setting and avoid costly institutional care. Access to transportation is vital to meeting basic needs such as errands, nutrition, medical appointments and for other social, family and religious purposes.

Yet, resources and capacity to provide this critical service are limited. In the current fiscal environment of ever-increasing budget constraints compounded by levy limits, local governments struggle to provide adequate funding to meet the needs. Coordinated planning provides an opportunity to bring interested parties together to discuss ways to enhance the mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities such as creating or improving efficiencies through coordination of services. However, one meeting every 5 years is not enough. Local leadership is needed to maintain positive momentum.

Experience shows that one of the most effective tools in promoting and developing coordinated transportation services is an active coordination committee that meets regularly, has an active, comprehensive membership, and is charged with a clear mission. Because coordination requires working with a variety of funding sources and transportation programs to improve service delivery, it is logical that meeting regularly and working together will lead to coordination success. While different models exist, the key characteristics of a successful coordination committee include regular ongoing meetings, commitments from participants, at least one champion for coordination and a clear process for developing an action plan to address unmet needs and service duplications. In Wisconsin, while some existing coordination committees have been less inclusive than others, nearly all have been able to improve some aspects of their local transportation services.

OVERVIEW AND PURPOSE

Federal transit law requires that any projects selected for funding under the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (formerly titled Elderly and Disabled Capital Assistance Program) must be derived from a "locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan". This requirement was implemented as part of the SAFETEA-LU legislation in 2005 and the requirement continues under the current transportation legislation, the IIJA (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law or BIL passed in 2021. The purpose of the coordinated planning process is to have stakeholder involvement in the assessment of elderly and disabled transportation, and to provide strategies and goals to improve those transportation alternatives. These coordinated plans were last completed in 2019 and are due to be updated for 2024.

It is important to note that under previous Federal legislation, the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC/WETAP) and New Freedom programs were repealed, and eligible projects may be funded under either the expanded 5310 program (for New Freedom type projects) or the 5311 program (for JARC/WETAP type projects). Only those projects eligible to be funded under the 5310 program need to be included as part of the coordinated planning process. This would include the “traditional” 5310 vehicle purchase requests, and also the New Freedom-type projects for mobility management or other capital projects, or for operating assistance projects such as volunteer driver programs or voucher programs.

Development of the plan includes gathering demographic information, documenting the existing transportation services for the plan area, holding a public meeting to discuss elderly and disabled transportation services, and development of strategies for improving those services over the next five years. Plans may be developed on an individual county basis, a multi-county basis, or a region-wide basis. The planning process must be complete, and the final reports submitted for grant years 2024 - 2028.

Federal Requirements

FTA guidelines require a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan that consists of, at a minimum:

- an assessment that identifies public, private, and non-profit entities that currently provide transportation services to persons with disabilities, older adults, and people with low incomes, and the availability of those services;
- an assessment of transportation needs for persons with disabilities, older adults, and persons with low incomes, and gaps in service; this assessment may be based on the experiences and perceptions of the planning partners or on more sophisticated data collection efforts;
- strategies activities and/or projects to address the identified gaps between current services and needs, as well as opportunities to improve efficiencies in service delivery; and
- priorities for implementation based on resources, time, and feasibility for implementing specific strategies/activities identified.

Recipients of 5310 funding must certify that projects selected for funding were derived from a coordinated plan, and the plan was developed through a process that included representatives of public, private, and non-profit transportation and human services providers, and members of the public, including persons with disabilities, elderly, low-income individuals, and advocates of these groups.

Application to Wisconsin

Wisconsin's Specialized Transportation Assistance for Counties or "85.21" program application requires that 85.21 projects be identified in one of the strategies of the coordinated plan. WisDOT has determined that since these are county projects and the basis for the county elderly and disabled services, these projects should be referenced in the county's coordinated plan.

The purpose of this plan document is to achieve the above objectives by satisfying minimum reporting requirements as identified by WisDOT. Additional tools and information for Locally Developed, Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plans is available on the Wisconsin Department of Transportation website at: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/astnce-pgms/transit/compliance/coord.aspx>.

OUTLINE OF COORDINATED PLANNING PROCESS

Based on guidance from WisDOT and its experience with development of previous coordination plans, the NCWRPC developed a planning process for the 2024 coordinated transportation plans as outlined below:

I. Plan for Planning

- A. WisDOT - MPO/RPC Meeting
- B. WisDOT Coordinated Planning Resources (webpage)
- C. NCWRPC Planning Process Established

II. County Contact

- A. WisDOT Outreach to Counties
- B. NCWRPC Contact with 2019 "Plan Keeper"
 - 1. Confirm "Plan Keeper" Status
 - 2. Date, Time and Location Established

III. Meeting Participant Invitation List Development

- A. County Review and Update of 2019 Stakeholder List
- B. County to Identify/Invite Users and Provide Transportation

IV. Notification of Planning Meeting

- A. Invitations Distributed to Stakeholder List
- B. Flyer Provided to County for Posting and Distribution
- C. Encouragement of Website and Social Media Posts
- D. Notice Placed in Local Newspaper

V. Public / Stakeholder Options for Participation / Comment

- A. Email / U.S. Mail
- B. Meeting Attendance

VI. Planning Meeting

- A. Welcome and Introductions
- B. Review Background and Purpose of Meeting
 - 1. Coordinated Planning Requirements
 - 2. Review Transit Assistance Programs
- C. Identify Needs and Gaps
 - 1. Review Inventory of Services
 - 2. Review Demographic Data
 - 3. Review 2019 Coordinated Plan
 - 4. Brainstorm Needs and Gaps
- D. Identify Strategies and Actions to Address Needs and Gaps
 - 1. Review 2019 Coordinated Plan
 - 2. Brainstorm Strategies and Actions
- E. Prioritize Strategies and Actions
- F. Wrap-up
 - 1. Plan Approval
 - 2. Meeting Evaluations

VII. Report Drafting

- A. NCWRPC Draft Report
- B. County Review
- C. Submission of Final to WisDOT via BlackCat Grants Management System

OVERVIEW OF PLANNING MEETING TO DEVELOP COORDINATED PLAN

Meeting Format

On October 26, 2023, Portage County transportation stakeholders met at the Central Transportation facility in Stevens Point to build their locally developed coordinated plan. Meeting documentation is included in APPENDIX A. Approximately 4 transportation stakeholders attended this meeting. Many more were invited including representatives of public, private and non-profit transportation and human services providers and users including seniors and individuals with disabilities. Participants were asked to sign-in and given handouts including an agenda, meeting evaluation form, funding program background material, county transportation services inventory, county demographic information, and the gaps & needs and coordinated strategies sections of the county's 2019 plan.

The NCWRPC facilitated this session, presenting background material and guiding the group through the agenda. Highlights of the background provided by the NCWRPC include an overview of the locally developed plan requirements and grant funding programs. The Internet link to WisDOT's coordinated plans webpage was provided to give participants additional information and resources on coordinated transportation planning.

The format of the meeting centered around informal discussion and general consensus. The group brainstormed transportation service gaps & needs and strategies & actions to address the identified needs or gaps. The final list of strategies was prioritized by the group through weighted voting for their three most important items listed. Refer to the sections titled *Service Gaps and Needs & Strategies to Address Transportation Gaps and Needs in Portage County*, below, for the outcomes of this session.

Meeting Invitation and Participant Lists

The stakeholder invitation list for the October 26 meeting included 39 individuals, see APPENDIX B. Approximately 4 people attended the planning meeting as follows:

Portage County 2024 Coordinated Transportation Plan Participant List

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Role</u>
Karalyn Peterson	MILC	Resource Coordinator
Talin Scheuermann	Central Transportation	Service Provider
Kassey Anderson	DVR-State of WI	Vocational Rehab Counselor
Tonia Simmons	ADRC	Resource Coordinator

Keeper of the Plan

Central Transportation will be the designated keeper of the plan. Talin Scheuermann, Superintendent of Central Transportation, the joint city-county transportation program, will be the primary staff contact.

Summary of Participant Review

The plan meeting participants were given the opportunity to complete an evaluation form rating the process, meeting, and implementation strategies. Most responses indicate a positive agreement regarding the process and the County's status. Refer to APPENDIX C for copies of the completed participant evaluation forms.

ANALYSIS OF SERVICE GAPS AND NEEDS

Assessment of Existing Service

An inventory of what transportation services are currently available in Portage County was compiled in the APPENDIX D. There are several transportation services available, however, geographic and eligibility restrictions limit this service. A general assessment of the inventory data indicates the following:

- Providers struggling with recruitment and retainment of both volunteer and paid drivers,
- Provider costs continue to increase while funding has been stagnant/declining,
- Evening and weekend services are limited,

- Employment needs are underserved, and
- More rural, inter-city and across-county services are needed.

Demographic Information

The NCWRPC provided demographic information in the form of countywide maps showing density of overall population and for target populations including seniors and individuals with disabilities, refer to APPENDIX E. This information is useful in assisting with defining gaps and needs.

Identification of Gaps and Needs

Based on their experience and perceptions, meeting participants identified the following gaps and needs in the current transportation system within Portage County:

- Need for service between Stevens Point, Plover and other parts of the metro area.
- Local participation with metro area transit service.
- Limited funding to provide service.
- Need RTA authority.
- Transportation has been identified as a top priority for seniors and adults with disabilities in Portage County.
- Need to communicate needs with elected officials – outreach.
- Service affordability for users.
- Maintaining and strengthening partnerships is key.
- Encouraging (outreach) employers to support transit/transportation programs to connect available workers with employment opportunities.
- Lack of evening and weekend services.
- Program purpose barriers.
- Need for more flexibility/funding to provide for more trip purposes outside medical.
- Availability of wheelchair accessible vehicles.
- Inconsistencies with pickups and drop-offs.
- Access to remote areas of the county.

- Transportation outside of the county – especially wheelchair.
- Need for driver training for varied client needs (i.e. dementia, etc.).

STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS IDENTIFIED GAPS AND NEEDS

The following strategies establish the framework for a five-year work program from 2024 through 2028. The listed strategies and actions were generated to address the identified gaps between current services and needs, as well as opportunities to improve efficiencies in service delivery.

The strategies are ranked by scores assigned by stakeholder meeting participant voting based on resources from multiple program sources, time, and feasibility for implementing the strategies or actions identified.

Some of the strategies listed here ultimately may not be implemented within the five-year time timeframe due to changing conditions (political, fiscal, etc.). Uncompleted strategies and actions should be rolled over to the next five-year plan as appropriate.

Portage County 5-year Transportation Coordinated Strategies, 2024 - 2028

	Priority	
Rank	Score	

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| 1 | 9 | Explore coordination/sharing of vehicles among the various agencies and programs providing transportation services within Portage County. |
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Responsible Agencies: Portage County Transportation Program – Central Transportation, ADRC, other agencies and organizations providing transportation services.

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| 2. | 4 | Coordinate with Regional Volunteer Driver Program to reinforce local program and fill in gaps in service. |
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Actions:

- Work with Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin (aka CIL) to determine how to best integrate expansion of CIL's Regional Volunteer Driver Program into Portage County Transportation Program.

Responsible Agencies: Portage County Transportation Program – Central Transportation, CILWW

3. 2 Advocate / educate on the transportation issues facing Portage County – outreach to agencies, businesses, governmental bodies and other organizations.
- Actions:
- Promote the benefits of public transportation through social media and community partnerships.
- Responsible Agencies: Portage County Transportation Program – Central Transportation, ADRC, other agencies and organizations providing transportation services.
4. 2 Connect/leverage indirect aspects of transportation – housing, etc.
- Responsible Agencies: Portage County Transportation Program – Central Transportation, ADRC, other agencies and organizations providing transportation services.
5. 1 Develop connections/partnerships for funding.
- Responsible Agencies: Portage County Transportation Program – Central Transportation, ADRC, other agencies and organizations providing transportation services.
6. 0 Maintain and expand existing services through support of program operations (inc. director/transportation coordinator position(s), driver salaries, volunteer reimbursements, equipment, supplies and training), maintenance, repair and scheduled replacement of vehicle fleet as appropriate.
- Actions:
- Continue to make use of 85.21 Grants to maintain and expand the level of transportation service within the County.
 - Continue to apply for 5310 Capital Grants to maintain and expand the human services transportation vehicle fleet within Portage County. – Acquire vehicle for adult day center.
 - Continue to apply for 5310 funding to maintain and expand mobility management and travel training activities that support human services transportation within Portage County.
7. 0 Organize a workforce transportation group to work with area employers to find ways to collaborate to build a sustainable transportation program to provide those without transportation a means to get to jobs; thereby expanding the pool of available employees.

Responsible Agencies: Portage County Transportation Program – Central Transportation, ADRC, other agencies and organizations providing transportation services.

8. 0 Work to address needs for event programming transportation.

Responsible Agencies: Portage County Transportation Program – Central Transportation, ADRC, other agencies and organizations providing transportation services.

9. 0 Support/advocate for statewide RTA legislation.

Responsible Agencies: Portage County Transportation Program – Central Transportation, ADRC, other agencies and organizations providing transportation services.

UPDATING / AMENDING THE COORDINATED PLAN

The coordinated plan establishes the framework for a five-year work program. However, should a strategy or project be identified that was not foreseen at the time of plan development, the plan can be amended through some form of stakeholder consensus process. The plan should be regularly reviewed and updated if major changes in any provisions of the plan are identified. At a minimum, the plan is required to be updated every five years.

APPROVAL OF 2024 - 2028 PORTAGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATED PLAN

After the identified strategies and actions were reviewed by the planning group and consensus was reached that their work was complete, the NCWRPC meeting facilitator entertained a motion on the question of approving the established five-year strategy and action plan:

On a motion by Talin Scheuermann, seconded by Karalyn Peterson, the 2024 - 2028 Portage County Locally Developed, Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan was approved with all in favor.

NCWRPC – Portage County

Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan

Development Meeting – October 26, 2023

	Name	Representing	Role (Service Provider, User, etc.)
1	Talin Scheuermann	Stevens Point	Transportation Superintendent
2	Kassey Anderson	DVR-State of WI	VR Counselor
3	Tonia Simmons	ADRC	Caregiver Spt Svcs Mgr
4	Karalyn Peterson	MILC	Resource Coordinator
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2023 LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSIT-HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION PLAN MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2023

AGENDA

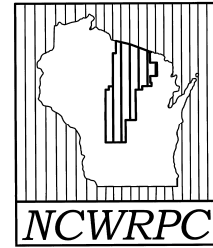
- I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
 - II. PURPOSE OF MEETING and BACKGROUND**
 - III. IDENTIFICATION OF SERVICE NEEDS AND GAPS**
 - A. Review of Demographic Data**
 - B. Review of Service Inventory**
 - IV. IDENTIFICATION AND PRIORITIZATION* OF STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS TO ADDRESS NEEDS AND GAPS**
 - * Based on consideration of resources, time and feasibility.*
 - V. WRAP-UP**
 - A. Plan Approval**
 - B. Meeting Evaluation**
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For more information and resources on Locally Developed Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Planning visit:

<http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/astnce-pgms/transit/compliance/coord.aspx>

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 29, 2023
TO: Parties with interest in Human Services Transportation in Portage County
FROM: Darryl L. Landeau, AICP
RE: Invitation to Meeting

NOTICE OF HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION MEETING

Please attend...

DATE: October 26, 2023
TIME: 10:00 am
LOCATION: Central Transportation Facility
Conference Room
2700 Week Street, Stevens Point

A county meeting is scheduled for stakeholders in public transit / human services transportation coordination for Portage County on Thursday, October 26 beginning at 10 A.M. The meeting will take place at the Central Transportation's Transit Facility in the Conference Room, 2700 Week Street in Stevens Point. This meeting will include an assessment of human services transportation needs and gaps within Portage County and identification of strategies to address these issues with emphasis on improving service coordination. ***Written comments may be submitted to: NCWRPC, 210 McClellan St. Ste. 210, Wausau WI 54403 or dlandeau@ncwrpc.org.***

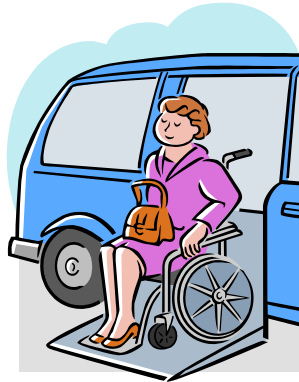
If you have questions regarding this meeting, please contact me at dlandeau@ncwrpc.org or 715-849-5510 extension 308. If you are elderly and/or disabled and need transportation assistance to this meeting or other accommodations, please contact the Portage County Transportation Program at 715-341-4490.

BACKGROUND ON MEETING

The federal surface transportation program requires applicants for the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Program (5310) grants, as well as state 85.21 projects must be part of a "locally-developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan." This plan is required to be developed through a process that includes representatives of public, private, and non-profit transportation services, human services providers and the general public.

To maintain local eligibility for these grants, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation has developed a county meeting process to comply with federal requirements. Regional Planning Commission (RPC) planners are coordinating and conducting these meetings statewide on behalf of WisDOT and the counties as independent and objective entities. Your participation is critical for the development of a qualifying plan that will effectively serve Portage County.

PORTAGE COUNTY ELDERLY & DISABLED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MEETING



PLEASE ATTEND...

A county meeting will be held to assess transportation programs for the elderly and disabled and develop plans to improve transportation services for those in need. The meeting will provide the basis for Portage County's Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan as required under federal and state regulations. The meeting will be facilitated by the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission on behalf of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Portage County.

DATE: October 26, 2023

TIME: 10:00 AM

LOCATION: Central Transportation Facility
Conference Room
2700 Week Street, Stevens Point

For information about the meeting contact NCWRPC at 715-849-5510 or email staff@ncwrpc.org.

To arrange transportation assistance to the meeting, please contact the County Transportation Program at (715) 341-4490.

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PORTAGE COUNTY UTILITY & DISABLED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MEETING

PLEASE ATTEND...

A meeting will be held to assess transportation programs for the utility and disabled user. Please plan to attend. Transportation services are made for those who cannot drive or have no access to Portage County's General Public Transit - senior services transportation for transportation needs and other programs. The meeting will be held at the North Central Transit Regional Planning Conference on behalf of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Portage County.

DATE: October 26, 2023

TIME: 10:00 AM

LOCATION: Central Transportation Facility
Conference Room
2700 West Street, Stevens Point

For information about the meeting contact: WDMV at 715.846.0500 or email: wdmv@wisconsin.gov
To request transportation assistance for the meeting, please contact: Portage Transportation Department at 715.341.4480.

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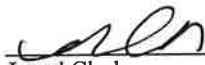
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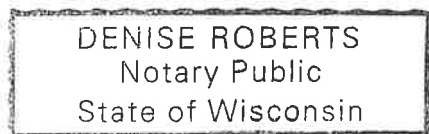
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Notice of Elderly and Disabled Transportation Public Meeting

A county meeting will be held on Thursday, October 26 beginning at 10 AM at the Central Transportation Facility, Conference Room, 2700 Week Street, Stevens Point to assess transportation programs for the elderly and disabled and develop plans to improve transportation services for those in need. The meeting will provide the basis for Portage County's Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan as required under federal and state regulations.

The North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC) is coordinating the meeting on behalf of WisDOT and the County. Those persons unable to attend the meeting and would like to submit comments in advance may send them to: NCWRPC, 210 McClellan St. Ste. 210, Wausau WI 54403 or email to dlandeau@ncwrpc.org.

Seniors or persons with disabilities who would like to attend the meeting and require a ride or other accommodations should contact the County Transportation Program at (715) 341-4490. The meeting location is accessible.

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Meeting Evaluation Form

(2024-2028) Transportation Coordination Plan Meeting

County/Region:	Portage County
Date:	10/26/23
Facilitator(s):	

Instructions: For each item below, please circle the number/response that best expresses your opinion.

General Meeting Questions		Strongly Agree	Agree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know		
1.	The information covered in the group discussions, examples and explanations was understandable.	1	2	3	4	5	6
2.	The meeting provided a good forum for communication about public/human services transportation coordination.	1	2	3	4	5	6
3.	Participants at the meeting were from a broad stakeholder group.	1	2	3	4	5	6
4.	The county/region's prioritized action plan is comprehensive and realistic.	1	2	3	4	5	6
5.	The county/region has a working coordination team.	1	2	3	4	5	6
6.	The previous coordination plan has been implemented.	1	2	3	4	5	6
7.	Developing the prioritized action plan was meaningful and valuable.	1	2	3	4	5	6
8.	I feel the coordination process in the county/region will be improved based on the assessment, action plan and implementation strategies.	1	2	3	4	5	6
Facilitator Questions							
9.	Facilitator was knowledgeable about the meeting process.	1	2	3	4	5	6
10.	The information was presented in a clear, logical format.	1	2	3	4	5	6

10. The time allotted for the meeting was: __ too much __ about right ~~X~~ not enough

11. List key points/issues presented during the meeting that were the most valuable or useful.

Coordination

12. List any information or meeting content you felt was omitted or needed further clarification.

None

13. Are you interested in participating on the team that will implement the coordination plan strategies? If yes, indicate your availability.

yes

14. Other comments (write on back)

Meeting Evaluation Form

(2024-2028) Transportation Coordination Plan Meeting

County/Region:	Portage
Date:	10/24/23
Facilitator(s):	Darryl Landeau

Instructions: For each item below, please circle the number/response that best expresses your opinion.

General Meeting Questions		Strongly Agree	Agree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know		
1.	The information covered in the group discussions, examples and explanations was understandable.	1	2	3	4	5	6
2.	The meeting provided a good forum for communication about public/human services transportation coordination.	1	2	3	4	5	6
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4.	The county/region's prioritized action plan is comprehensive and realistic.	1	2	3	4	5	6
5.	The county/region has a working coordination team.	1	2	3	4	5	6
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7.	Developing the prioritized action plan was meaningful and valuable.	1	2	3	4	5	6
8.	I feel the coordination process in the county/region will be improved based on the assessment, action plan and implementation strategies.	1	2	3	4	5	6
Facilitator Questions							
9.	Facilitator was knowledgeable about the meeting process.	1	2	3	4	5	6
10.	The information was presented in a clear, logical format.	1	2	3	4	5	6

10. The time allotted for the meeting was: __ too much __ about right __ not enough

11. List key points/issues presented during the meeting that were the most valuable or useful.

12. List any information or meeting content you felt was omitted or needed further clarification.

13. Are you interested in participating on the team that will implement the coordination plan strategies? If yes, indicate your availability.

14. Other comments (write on back)

Meeting Evaluation Form

(2024-2028) Transportation Coordination Plan Meeting

County/Region:	Portage County
Date:	10.26.23
Facilitator(s):	Daryl

Instructions: For each item below, please circle the number/response that best expresses your opinion.

General Meeting Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
1. The information covered in the group discussions, examples and explanations was understandable.	(1)	2	3	4 5 6
2. The meeting provided a good forum for communication about public/human services transportation coordination.	(1)	2	3	4 5 6
3. Participants at the meeting were from a broad stakeholder group.	1	2	(3)	4 5 6
4. The county/region's prioritized action plan is comprehensive and realistic.	1	2	3	4 5 (6)
5. The county/region has a working coordination team.	1	2	3	4 5 (6)
6. The previous coordination plan has been implemented.	1	2	3	4 5 (6)
7. Developing the prioritized action plan was meaningful and valuable.	1	2	(3)	4 5 6
8. I feel the coordination process in the county/region will be improved based on the assessment, action plan and implementation strategies.	1	(2)	3	4 5 6
Facilitator Questions				
9. Facilitator was knowledgeable about the meeting process.	(1)	2	3	4 5 6
10. The information was presented in a clear, logical format. <i>spoke fast - rushed</i>	(1)	2	3	4 5 6

10. The time allotted for the meeting was: __ too much __ about right X not enough

11. List key points/issues presented during the meeting that were the most valuable or useful.

- Including appropriate partners to meetings
- Attending the 'right' meetings (Caregiver Coalition)

12. List any information or meeting content you felt was omitted or needed further clarification.

- Coordinating Resources - unaware of
- what community offers / missed opportunities
- Sharing resources (i.e. vehicles in community)

13. Are you interested in participating on the team that will implement the coordination plan strategies? If yes, indicate your availability. *Possibly*

14. Other comments (write on back)

Thank You!

- Driver training (dementia)
- Know enough about other businesses + goals/buss. plans + how we affect each other

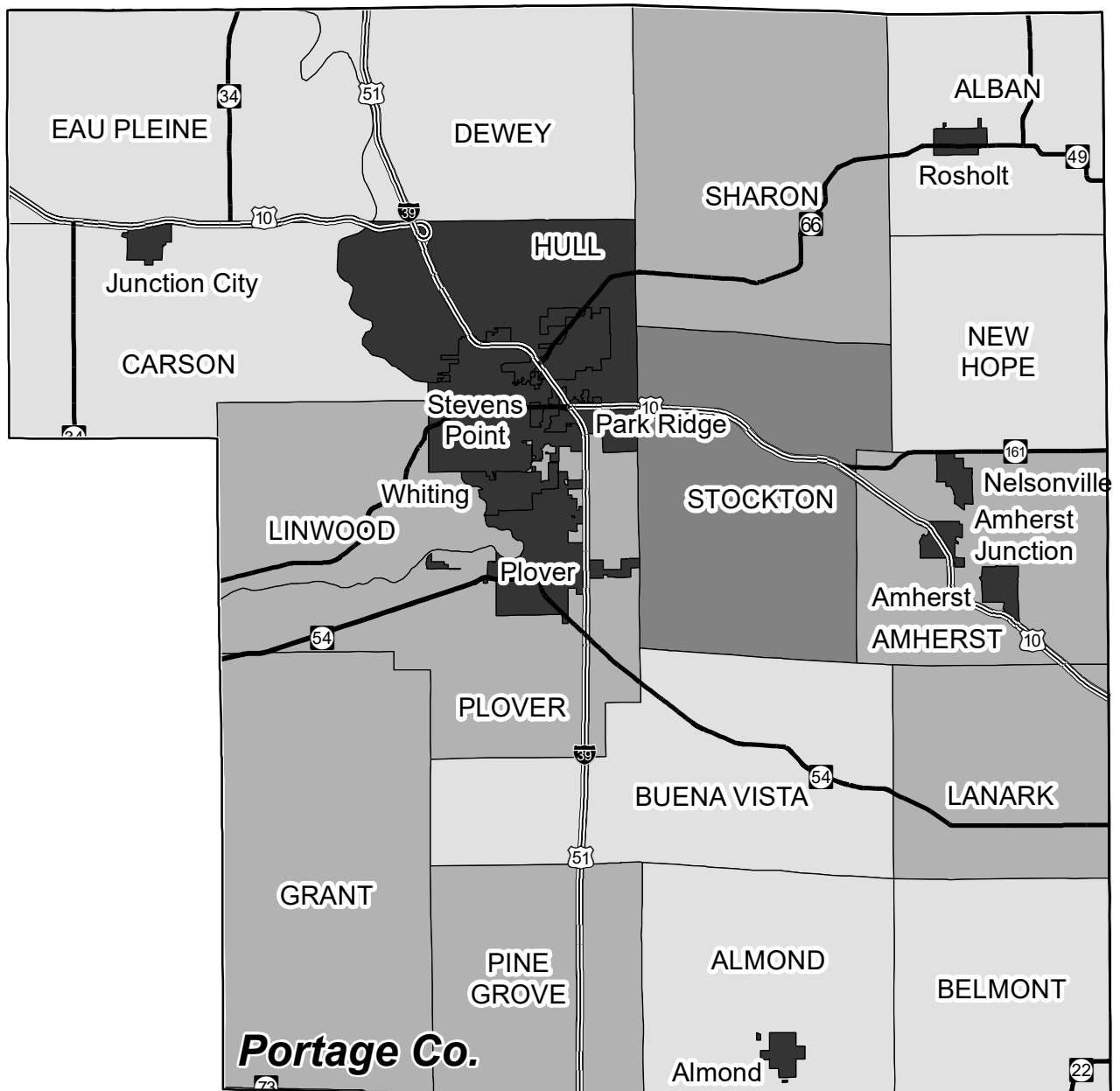
SUMMARY OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICE PROVIDERS IN PORTAGE COUNTY

Central Transportation	Public Transit	Fixed Route	M-F 6:45 to 6:15*
CT Point Plus	Public Paratransit	Demand Response	M-F 6:45 to 6:15
CT Rural Bus	Elderly/Disabled	Fixed Flex	M-F 7:30 to 4:15
CT Volunteer	Elderly/Disabled	Demand Response	7 days / wk as available
CT LNT	UWSP/Public	Fixed	M-F when UWSP is available
Veterans Van	Veteran	Demand Response	M-F
Opportunity Dev. Cntr	Client	Fixed Flex	M-F 5:30-5:30
Chore Provider Program	Resident	Demand Response	Sub. to availability
Plover Shared Ride	Taxi	Demand Response	M-F 6:30 to 6 Sat 8-4 Sun 7:30 to 12:30
Courtesy Cab	Taxi	Demand Response	M-F 6:30am to 10:00pm, Sat/Sun/Holiday by request
UWSP	Students		As needed.
School Districts	Various	Fixed Flex	School Hours
Lamers Bus	Private Bus	Charter	M-F as available
Salvation Army	Client		By appointment as needed
New Freedom Regional Volunteer Driver Program (CILWW)	Elderly/Disabled	Demand Response	24/7 sub. to driver availability

* Extended evening and weekend service available while UWSP is in session.

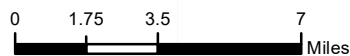
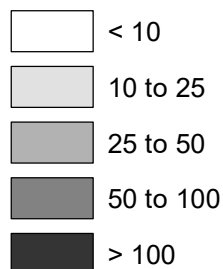
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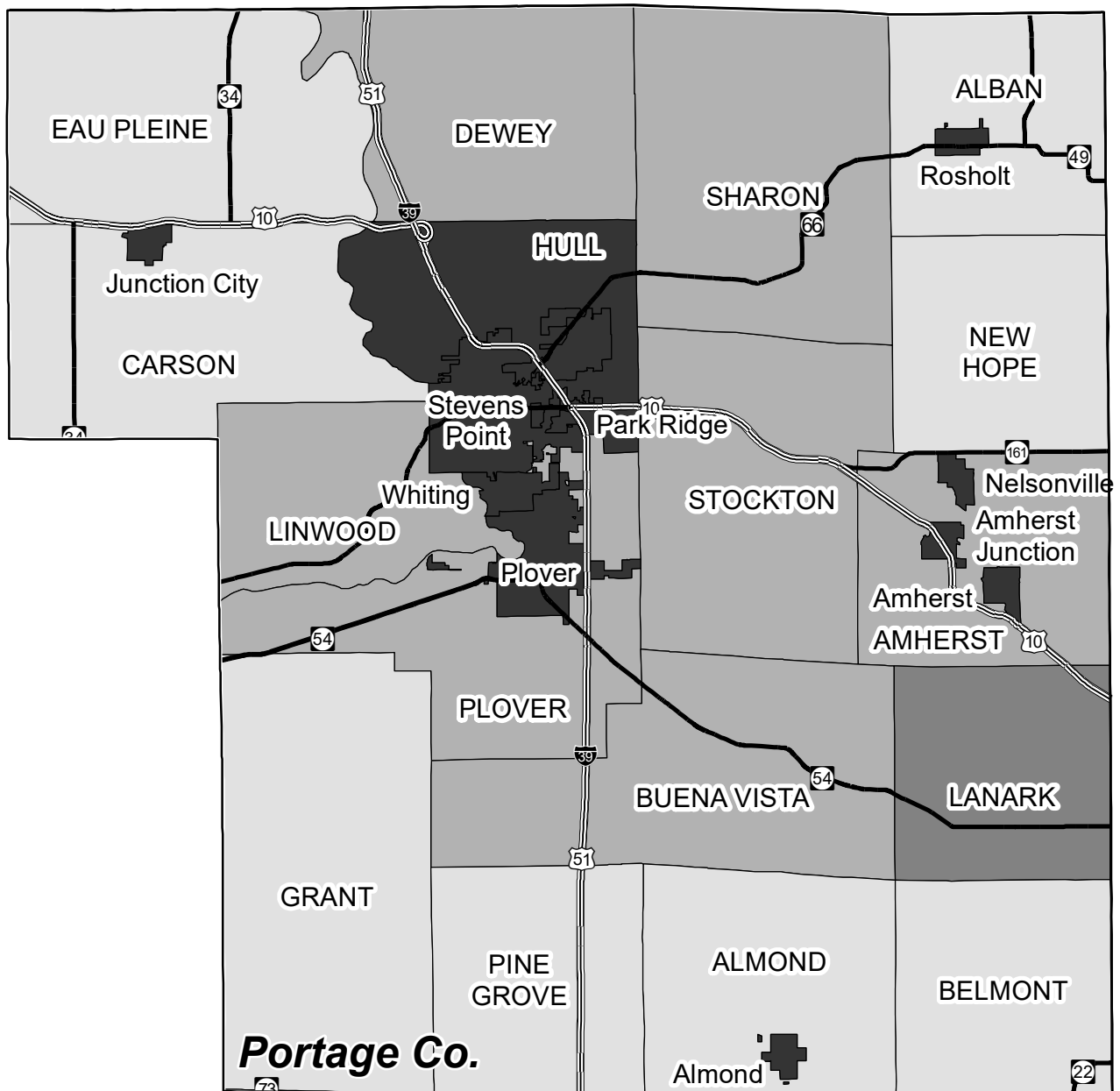
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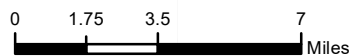
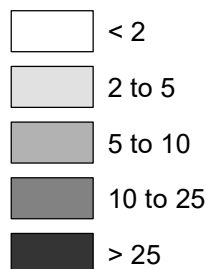
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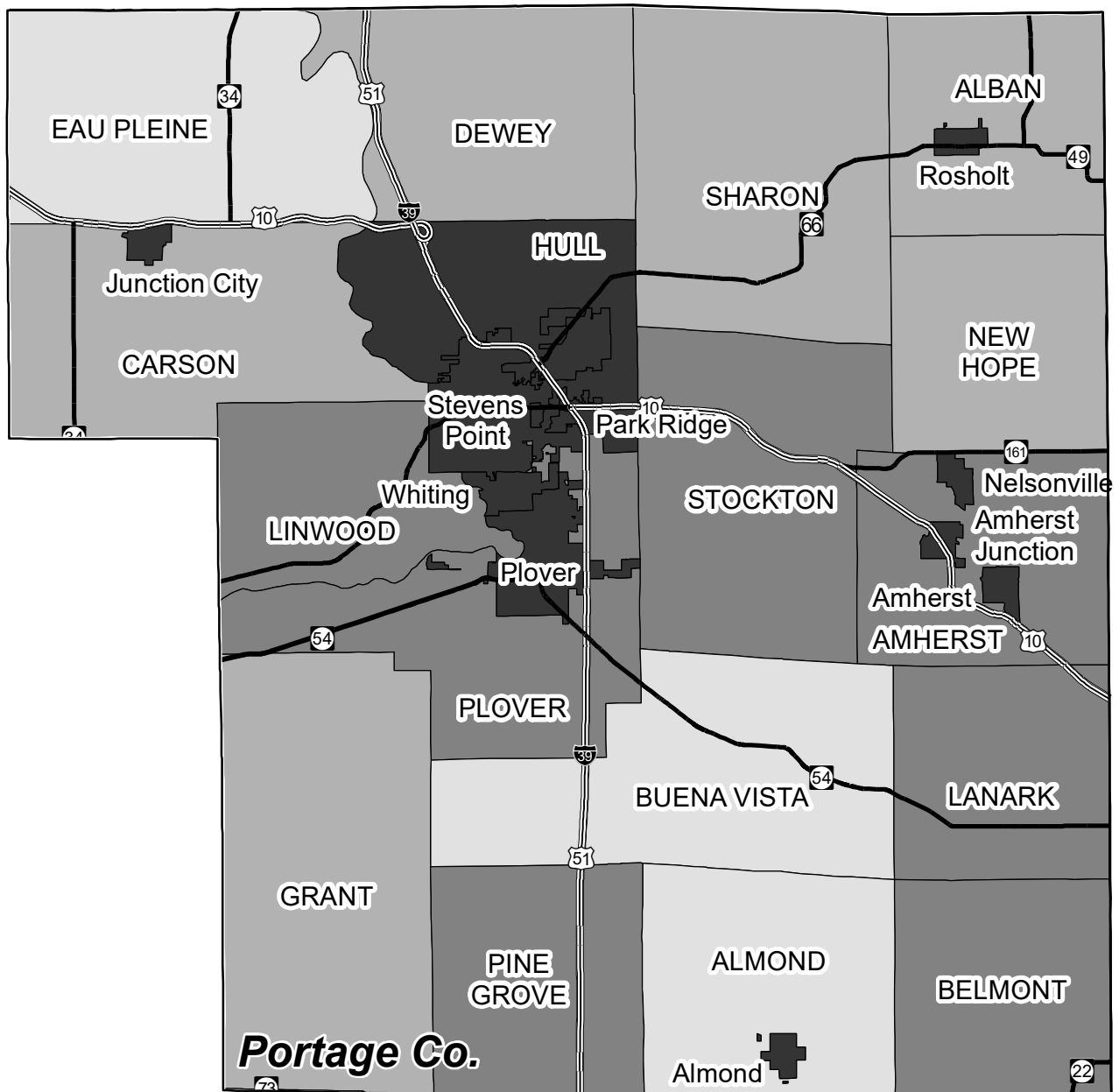
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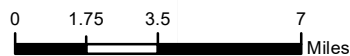
Population Density of Persons with Disabilities / By MCD

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DISABLED / Per Sq. Mi



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