



CHAPTER 6

Plan Adoption

All individual county plans used in the development of the Greater Region Transportation Coordination Plan were updated and reviewed in the past two years under varying adoption processes and legislative committees:

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

- Champaign County Transportation Planning Committee, 2017
- Champaign County Commissioners, 2017

CLARK COUNTY

- Clark County Human Services Transportation Advisory Council, 2017
- Clark County-Springfield TCC Policy Board, 2017

DARKE COUNTY

- Darke County Transportation Planning Committee, 2017
- Darke County Commissioners, 2017

MPO (GREENE, MIAMI, MONTGOMERY)

- Human Service Transportation Planning Council, 2019
- Technical Advisory Committee, 2019
- MVRPC Board of Directors, 2019

PREBLE COUNTY

- Preble County Commissioners, 2018

SHELBY COUNTY

- Shelby County Transportation Planning Committee,
- Shelby County Commissioners, 2017

This plan serves as a consolidation of the information within seven county-specific Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Coordination Plans (HSTC). HSTC Plans are designed to meet the transportation authorization requirements for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) grant program. The Greater Region pilot pulls these HSTC plans together in a new way and adds discussion, public input, and direction at the eight-county Regional level.

This plan addresses transportation services, needs, gaps, and goals of the target population on this regional level. Seniors, individuals with disabilities, members of the general public, representatives from public, private and non-profit transportation and human services providers contributed to the development of this plan. The process included the creation of the GRMI Council, individual and agency interviews, focus groups, and public stakeholder meetings.

MVRPC uses an adopted Public Participation Policy to guide public involvement in the planning and decision-making process. Upon completion of the draft, the plan was made available for

public review and comment on Miami Valley Regional Planning Commissions website. Public participation meetings were held in June, 2019 for review of the draft plan. These meetings were held in Dayton and Sidney to ensure that people had a reasonable travel distance to participate. Twenty-four members of the public signed into the meetings and were able to provide written comments and speak with MVRPC and ODOT staff about the project. Of the attendees, one identified as disabled and two identified as seniors. Many written comments were received and incorporated into the final plan. Additional meetings were held with the regional mobility managers focused on the regional goals proposed, and meetings were held with ODOT Office of Transit staff to review their feedback and discuss expectations of the draft document.

After review and updates, the plan was again made available for public review and comment in September 2019. The plan was presented in final format to the following review panels and suggested for adoption:

- GRMI Council, October 2019
- MVRPC's Technical Advisory Committee, October 2019
- MVRPC's Board of Directors, November 2019
- ODOT office of Transit, December 2019

MVRPC's Board of Directors voted to adopt the Greater Region Transportation Coordination Plan in November 2019 however, the Ohio Department of Transportation Office of Transit offered feedback which indicated the plan needed further revisions in order to accurately frame the goals of regional transit coordination and align the goals stated in the GRMI plan with future funding processes. Additionally, Logan County presented ODOT with the idea of transitioning into the area that will be known as Region 6.

The final round of revisions were drafted based on the feedback provided by ODOT, input from mobility managers, stakeholder engagement with transit providers, and updating the data to reflect the transition of Logan County. These revisions were presented to the GRMI and the MPO HSTC Council members in June 2020 to ensure the plan reflected the transit needs of the region and to offer an opportunity for their feedback on the revised goals.

Due to significant updates included to the revised document, the plan went through an additional public participation process. The process can be reviewed in the Public Participation Summary Report dated August 3, 2020.

It is also necessary, due to state regulations, for each individual county in sub-region 2a to adopt the plan. The plan adoption is not a financial commitment, but it does make public transit and human service transportation agencies eligible to receive Section 5310/5311 funding through the Ohio Department of Transportation. MVRPC worked with ODOT and the region's mobility managers to educate each local Board of County Commissioners in sub-region 2a about the plan and acquired their adoption through individual county resolutions.

The plan will be effective upon approval and adoption by the individual Board of County Commissioners in sub-region 2a, MVRPC's Technical Advisory Committee, Board of Directors, and ODOT (Appendix H).

