

***** MEMORANDUM *****

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TO: UNITED WAY NEEDS ASSESSMENT TRANSPORTATION AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT FOCUS GROUP

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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY GAP ANALYSIS GROUPINGS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2009, FOCUS GROUP MEETING

I. BACKGROUND

Approximately 20 gaps were identified in our focus group meeting. To facilitate collaboration opportunities, the gaps have been categorized as follows:

- A. General Statements
- B. State or National Solutions Necessary
- C. Regional Gaps
- D. Local Gaps: Corvallis
- E. Gap Under Consideration Through Work Program

The "Regional Gaps" and "Local Gaps: Corvallis" appear to represent the best opportunities for further collaborative efforts.

II. Categories

A. General Statements

- Community-to-community travel is difficult.
- Corvallis-to-Portland commute using public transportation is all but impossible.
- Rural-to-urban transportation gaps exist.

B. State or National Solutions Necessary

- Political jurisdictions and funding sources do not match or overlay travelshed opportunities and/or boundaries.
- Amtrak service enhancements.

C. Regional Gaps

- Linn-Benton Loop Service hours and frequency enhancements.
- Bicycle facilities enhancements
 - » Adair Village to Corvallis
 - » Albany to Corvallis
- Ride Share and Van Pool enhancements.
- Transportation brokerage needs resources for Medicaid patient traveling companions.

D. Local Gaps: Corvallis

- Additional designated downtown drop-off site for vans with lifts.
- Dial-A-Bus facilities needs.

E. Gaps Currently Under Consideration Through a Work Program

<u>Gap</u>	<u>Lead</u>	<u>Level of Effort</u>	<u>Financial Resources Required?</u>
• Corner sidewalk curb cuts	Corvallis	Low	No
• Shorten district sidewalk program (10 years)	Corvallis	Medium	Yes
• 15-minute transit headways (versus 30/60)	Corvallis	Large	Yes
• Additional transit routes	Corvallis	Large	Yes
• Reduce transit fares	Corvallis	Large	Yes
• Transportation access to community gardens	Corvallis	Medium	Yes
• Adair Village transit service	Benton County	Medium	Yes (2010 pilot service funding secured)
• Monroe transit service	Benton County	Medium	Yes (2010 pilot service funding secured)
• Benton County/Dial-A-Bus aging fleet	Benton County/ Dial-A-Bus	Medium	Yes (2010 State and Federal funds provide for some replacements)

III. Next Steps

Of the 20 gaps discussed, nine are under consideration, five are either general statements or require State or National support, and six are regional or local gaps. The most promising return on invested time

appears to be (in addition to the items already in Section E, above) collaborative discussions between stakeholders in the "Regional Gaps" and "Local Gaps: Corvallis" categories.

Lead partner-sponsored discussions on a gap area is the appropriate next step.