

MISCC Transportation Workgroup Activities

The MISCC Transportation Workgroup has held regular monthly meetings since December 2007. These meetings have been conducted both via conference call and in-person. The purpose of these meetings has been to identify and develop proposals/recommendations - for the full Council's consideration - that will address the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities.

Ideas that have been presented at Workgroup Sessions - currently being considered for recommendation to the MISCC - include:

- Promote Transit Oriented Development/Land Use;
- Establish Transportation Mobility Manager/Coordinator in every County;
- Ensure accessibility of State agency fleet vehicles and schedules to encourage vehicle coordination;
- Evaluate opportunities to expand paratransit - consistent with ADA;
- Support some form of accessible taxi legislation;
- Streamline regulations for vehicles that share clients;
- Promote 511 Travel Information/Human Service Agency participation;
- Support user subsidies for accessible transportation trips; and
- Establish a State policy regarding accessible transportation access to voter polling places.

In addition, significant attention has been given to identifying better practice models. For example: The Center for Transportation Excellence (CTE) which has expanded transportation services; improved the reliability of those services for individuals with disabilities; and worked to establish more consistent community integration.

The initial Workgroup issues under consideration have taken shape, and the next meetings throughout the summer will define the final Workgroup proposals. Agency participation is critical, considering that many recommendations which can be implemented without significant financial implications may be regulatory in nature and agency specific.

The next scheduled meeting of the Workgroup will be Thursday July 10.