United We Ride: An Update

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The Age-Old Problem

- More than 80 Federal programs funding transportation
- Different eligibility, different requirements
- Service duplication
- Service Gaps
- Excess capacity
- Customer service nightmare
The History

- Coordination issues go back to 1980s
- GAO Report in 2003
  - “Some Coordination Efforts Among Programs Providing Transportation Services, but Obstacles Persist”
- EO 13330 – Human Service Transportation Coordination
  - Legally established 11 member Coordinating Council
- 2011 GAO Report: duplication & overlap still exist
UWR Objectives

- Coordinated Planning
  - Getting the BORPSAT
- Mobility Management
  - Broad set of tools & tasks to improve transportation choices
- One-Call Centers
  - No wrong door, one call for your ride
- State Leadership
## Mobility Management is growing

- 350+ MM’s identified
- Increased FTA spending
- TA Centers developing training resources
- NRC’s **Partnership for Mobility Management**
  - AASHTO, ABA, ACT, APTA, CTAA, Easter Seals, TLPA
  - National association for mobility managers

### Table: NRC’s Program Funding

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State Leadership

- Many CCAM funding programs directed through state
- Pushing states to take the lead on coordination

- States with Coordination Councils – 26
- States with Legislation -- 28
- States with E.O. -- 14
Where are we going?

- United We Ride National Dialogue

“What ideas and actions can increase access to affordable and reliable transportation services for people with disabilities, older adults, and people with limited incomes?”

- 4 resulting themes:
  1. Coordinated Planning process still needs improvement
  2. Significant federal policy barriers exist
  3. Mobility management is underutilized
  4. Missed opportunities to bridge gaps between transportation and community services
Where are we going?

- Support Obama Administration goals
  - Health & Wellness
  - Access to Jobs & Employment resources
  - Needs of Veterans

- Link with other interagency initiatives
  - Community Living Initiative
  - Livability
  - Emergency Preparedness
UWR Goal

Transportation for Life: Access to Jobs, Health and Wellness, and Community
Current focus

Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative

A CCAM-supported initiative of
About VTCLI

- Connect veteran & military community members to existing community transportation resources
- Build out One-Call/One-Click Centers in local communities
- Focus on capital technology investment
- Build on existing coordination efforts & success of MSAA model
VTCLI Program Overview

- $30 million total; up to $2 million per site
- State, local or tribal public agency eligible to apply
- Major selection criteria:
  - “Planning & Prioritization” – Partnerships
  - “Readiness” – One-call & vets experience
  - “Capacity” – Coordination experience
  - “Need” – Vets/military transportation needs
- Capital expenses
  - One-Call/One-Click tech ONLY
  - Vehicles ARE NOT eligible
More info on VTCLI

- Application instructions & resources:
  - http://www.fta.dot.gov/veterans
Technical Assistance Resources

- National Resource Center on HST Coordination
  - 10 regional United We Ride Ambassadors
  - Official support, TA & research arm of UWR
    - www.NRCtransportation.org

- Easter Seals Project ACTION
  - Transportation needs for people with disabilities
  - Travel training, local resources
    - www.ProjectACTION.org

- National Center on Senior Transportation
  - Emphasize transportation options and aging in place
  - Older driver transition resources
    - www.SeniorTransportation.net

- JobLinks Employment Transportation Center
  - Transportation issues for low-income & job seekers
    - www.ctaa.org/joblinks
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