

**MEETING NOTES**

**FRANKLIN COUNTY MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

111 LIBERTY STREET, SUITE 100

COLUMBUS, OH 43215

*BOARD ROOM CONFERENCE ROOM*

**April 15th, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Updates**
   1. Dublin – J.M Rayburn: The Dublin Connector is seeing a spike in ridership in March and anticipating it to increase with the warmer weather. Dublin’s transit study is underway and focus groups are going to start soon.
   2. Age Friendly Innovation Center – Christine Happel: The Mary-Go-Round in Marysville has launched as of April 4th. The Mary Go Round is a senior circulator that takes older adults to areas of interest picked by the community from 10 am to 3 pm for free.
   3. MORPC – Emma Strange: Clare DiCuccio is no longer at MORPC, in the meantime, 5310 requests and questions should go to Mike Borger ([mborger@morpc.org](mailto:mborger@morpc.org)). MORPC is hiring two new planning positions.
3. **Discussion Topic: Transportation Provider Challenges**
   1. Members discussed the challenges faced by transportation providers in the following areas: infrastructure (vehicles and drivers), eligibility, affordability, coordination, and cross county/jurisdictional travel. Important observations included:
      1. Funding and policy restraints prevent providers from crossing their boundaries to transport people
      2. Rides that are not constrained by eligibility requirements or jurisdictional boundaries are oftentimes for profit and therefore more expensive
      3. Providers struggle to be able to refer clients to other providers when they do not know what is out there
   2. Potential ways to address the above concerns
      1. Current lists of providers do not make boundaries clear – we could potentially make a map that shows where the physical gaps are and where there is potential overlap
      2. Transportation provider survey – could get information for a map as well as a “Getting Around Guide” that includes data about all forms of transportation, including walking and biking.
4. **Next Meetings**
   1. Next meeting is May 13th
   2. In future meetings, we will look into doing a COTA Plus training as well as visits at other agencies

Next Meeting: 10am Monday, May 13th