How To Form a Consolidated Transportation Services Agency and Beyond



Joanne Jacobsen

CALACT Autumn Conference November 3, 2022

IF YOUR AGENCY IS NOT A DESIGNATED CTSA



Additional Resources:

- OCTA is not an established CTSA although we operate as one
- Connecting community and service through integration



- Additional transit resources for demand response
- These transportation services assist underserved populations

SENIOR MOBILITY PROGRAM (SMP)



Funded through local sales tax measure

32 of 34 cities & three non-profit agencies participate

Free retired paratransit vehicles available

Each agency must contribute minimum of 20% match

Trips provided to residents 60 years and older

Trips include medical, shopping and social/recreation

PROGRAM CHANGES DURING THE PANDEMIC



OCTA worked with the agencies to ease requirements

- Prior to the pandemic seniors were transported to their senior center to participate in the lunch program
- During the pandemic OCTA allowed the delivery of meals to participants homes
- If city stopped providing transportation, they were able to stop receiving bi-monthly payments until their program re-started
- Eased competitive procurement policies for one year due to a transportation provider going out of business

This program is funded by:





SMP TRIPS PRE AND DURING PANDEMIC





ENHANCED MOBILITY FOR SENIORS & DISABLED GRANT (EMSD)



- FTA Section 5310 and local funding
- 2-year grant program
- Available to government and non-profit agencies
- Funding for senior & disabled population
- Operating and Capital projects including vehicle purchases were available
- Reduces the demand off our paratransit service
- Goes above and beyond ADA

ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE TRANSPORTATION



OCTA provides subsidy for 6 agencies for transportation to and from Adult Day facilities

\$16.85 per trip reimbursement vs \$50.00 paratransit cost per trip Takes the demand off our paratransit service during peak hours

All facilities are high trip generators

44 vehicles February 2020 25 vehicles August 2022 \$6.26 million saved on demand response

SENIOR NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

- Partner with the County of Orange in providing nonemergency medical transportation to residents 60 years and older
- OCTA provides funding from our local sales tax measure
- The County supplements funding through their tobacco settlement revenue (TSR) funding
- The County contracts with two non-profit agencies to provide the transportation

MOBILITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM





- Teaches residents to use the fixed route bus system
- Partner with 211 OC for transportation options
- Web based portal
- Social media campaign to attract people to the 211 OC website

CONCLUSION



These programs enhance mobility and provide greater independence to seniors, individuals with disabilities, underserved populations, and low-income communities of Orange County



THANK YOU!

Joanne Jacobsen

Sr. Community Transportation Coordinator

Orange County Transportation Authority

jjacobsen@octa.net