

**Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan**

A Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan is required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for a region to be eligible for the *Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities* grant program. The purpose of the program, also referred to as the Section 5310 program, is to improve the mobility of seniors (65+) and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options. The Evansville-Henderson region uses this funding to assist transit agencies and local non-profits that serve seniors and individuals with disabilities.

**Barriers, Gaps and Needs**

A project must be included in a regional Coordinated Plan before it is eligible for Section 5310 funding. To develop this project list, the Evansville MPO is asking residents, particularly seniors and individuals with disabilities, to list what prevents or limits them from accessing public transportation (either fixed route or paratransit service). Potential barriers and gaps could include: there is a lack of sidewalks and ADA ramps at the bus stop near my house or my normal destinations; arranging a ride on METS Mobility or HART Paratransit is difficult because I have to call at specific times; the bus doesn't come by my house or destinations when I need it.

**Barriers:**

Please list all of the “barriers” that prevent you from accessing METS, HART or WATS fixed routes or METS Mobility or HART Paratransit. Barriers include anything that prevents you from getting on the bus due to a lack of easy access to a fixed route or difficulty scheduling a ride on a paratransit service.

Please continue to the next page for Gaps and Needs comments. You may include additional pieces of paper if your comments do not fit completely within the provided boxes. Instructions for returning the questionnaire are also listed on the next page. If you would like to be notified of upcoming meetings related to the Coordinated Plan, leave your name and mailing or email address below.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL or EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Gaps:</b>	Please list all of the “gaps” in service you are aware of for METS, HART or WATS. Gaps can include areas where there are no fixed routes or times when you would need a bus, but METS, HART or WATS does not operate at those times.
<b>Needs:</b>	Please list any other “needs” that you might have that would make it easier for you to access METS, HART or WATS fixed routes or paratransit services.

When you have completed the questionnaire please return it to the MPO via:

**MAIL:** Matt Schriefer, Evansville MPO, Civic Center Complex, Room 316, 1 NW MLK Jr. Blvd., Evansville, IN 47708-1833

**EMAIL:** [mschriefer@evansvillempo.com](mailto:mschriefer@evansvillempo.com) with subject “Barriers, Gaps and Needs Questionnaire” (either a scanned copy attached to the email or a list of separated barriers, gaps and needs in the main body of the email)

**FAX:** (812) 436-7834

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