

# Identifying Transportation Solutions to Improve Access to Economic Opportunities

April 30, 2019



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## Agenda

- Welcome Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Angela Green and Erica Fleischer
- Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM): What's happening at the National level - Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Danielle Nelson
- Innovation across FTA Region 5, Susan Weber & FTA 7, Cathy Monroe
- Overview of Mobility Management as a Solution National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM), Judy Shanley
- Ohio Statewide Mobility Management Ohio DOT, Olivia Hook
- Iowa Statewide Mobility Management Iowa DOT, Jeremy Johnson-Miller
- Q&A





#### **ACF Policy Priorities**

- Promotion of work and self-sufficiency
- Promoting fatherhood in human services
- Focus on early childhood education programs
- Primary prevention in child welfare
- Data and interoperability
- Removing barriers, streamline processes and reduce duplication





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## Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM)

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#### Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM)



#### **Mission**

The CCAM issues policy recommendations and implements activities that improve the availability, accessibility, and efficiency of transportation for the following targeted populations:



People with Disabilities



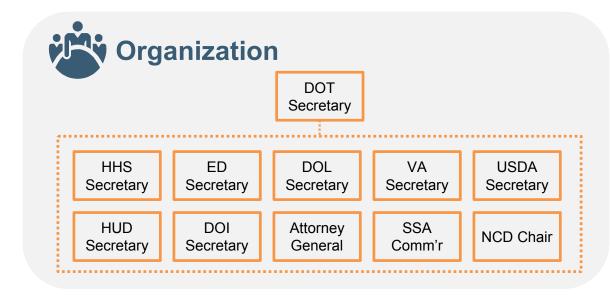
**Older Adults** 



Individuals of Low Income



The CCAM is an interagency partnership **established in 2004 by Executive Order 13330** to coordinate the efforts of the federal agencies that fund transportation for targeted populations.





#### What federal programs fund transportation?

Below is a sample of the 80+ federal CCAM programs, that may fund transportation services for people with disabilities, older adults, and/or individuals of low income.

### Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Medicaid
- Block Grant for Community Mental Health Services
- Centers for Independent Living (CILs)
- Older Americans Act (OAA) programs
- Health Center Program



#### Did you know?

If an organization receives funding from one of these programs, a portion of the funds may be used for transportation services.

Funding recipients may collaborate across these federal programs to provide more transportation options for the community.

#### HHS/Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Programs

- Transitional Living Program for Homeless Youth
- Native Employment Works
- Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood
- Community Services Block Grant Discretionary Awards
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Refugee and Entrant Assistance State/Replacement Designee Administered Programs (Transitional and Medical Services and Social Services Formula Grants Only)
- Refugee and Entrant Assistance Voluntary Agency Programs (Matching Grants Only)
- Community Services Block Grant
- Refugee and Entrant Assistance Discretionary Grants (Refugee Health Promotion, Targeted Assistance and Social Services Discretionary Grants Only)
- Refugee and Entrant Assistance Wilson/Fish Program
- Head Start
- Social Services Block Grants
- Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)
- Promoting Safe and Stable Families

#### **Destination Coordination: Access for All Americans**

Coordinated transportation ensures that otherwise underserved populations, such as **people of low income**, **older adults**, and **people with disabilities**, are able to contribute to their community and the economy and lead healthy, productive lives.

#### **Coordinated transportation fosters:**

## Availability and Accessibility



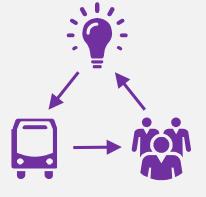
Provide more transportation options by streamlining policies and encouraging collaboration.

#### **Efficiency**



Share resources, save funds, and reduce redundancy within the 80+ federal programs that fund transportation.

#### Innovation



Improve customer service by developing and implementing future transportation models.

#### **2018 CCAM State Focus Group Findings**

The barriers to transportation coordination reported by focus group participants are organized into barrier categories. The following barriers emerged across a majority of focus group sessions and stakeholder groups as the most prevalent barriers to coordination.

	Barrier	Description	
	Limited Awareness	A lack of awareness of the federal funding sources available for human service transportation, the policies that enable transportation coordination, and/or the community's transportation options for targeted populations	
	Unengaged Stakeholders	Challenges associated with establishing and maintaining the organizational and community partnerships necessary to pursue transportation coordination	
(O)	Program Restrictions	Reporting obligations, eligibility criteria, trip purpose restrictions, and other program rules that make it difficult to coordinate across different transportation programs	
	Insufficient Incentives	A lack of incentives or financial motivation for human service providers to pursue transportation coordination initiatives	
i	Limited Federal Guidance	An absence of the federal guidance that states and local communities need to coordinate transportation in compliance with federal law	

#### Is Coordination Happening?

The National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM) conducted a survey to gather input from local stakeholders and to inform the strategic direction of the CCAM.

#### The NCMM survey:



Was designed to identify **promising practices**, **barriers**, **and challenges** around coordinated transportation



Reached **200 individuals** who work at transportation and human services organizations that receive HHS funding<sup>1</sup>



Was conducted from June to November 2018

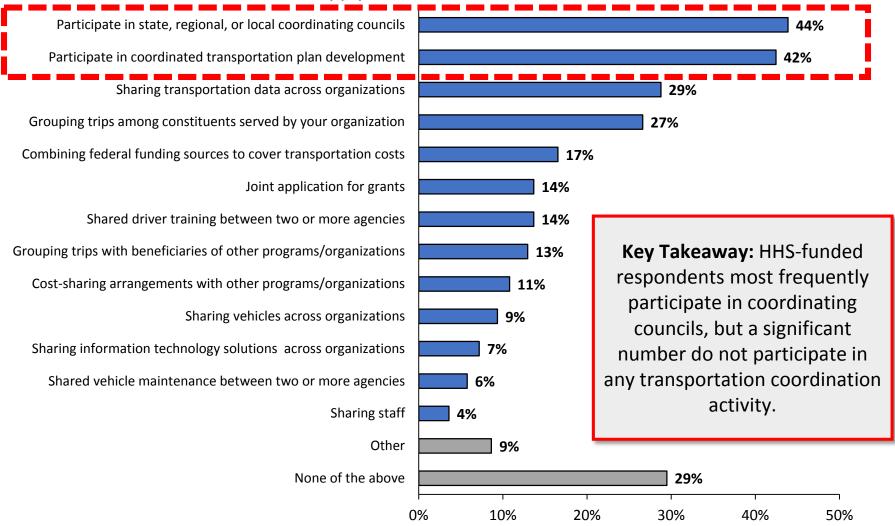
The next slides analyze a selection of the survey questions, considering only the responses from respondents who receive HHS funding.

Note: The percentages in the figures throughout this report may not add to 100% due to rounding.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>A total of 549 respondents completed at least part of the survey. During the data cleaning process, 22 responses were removed due to incomplete or low-quality responses. 527 respondents were included in the final overall analysis.

#### **Figure 1: Transportation Coordination Activities**

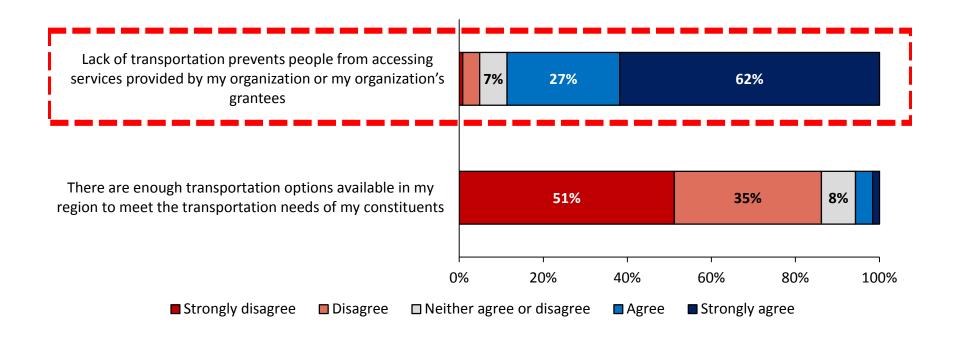
Question: Does your organization or its grantees participate in the following transportation coordination activities? Select all that apply.



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#### Figure 2: Availability

Question: Please indicate the level to which you agree or disagree with the following statements:



**Key Takeaway:** Almost all HHS-funded respondents believe that their communities lack sufficient transportation services and options, impeding access to HHS-funded services.

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n=123

























## Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility

The <u>Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM)</u> directed the development of an <u>Advancing Mobility Management Course</u> offered by the National Transit Institute (NTI). The new 2-day course aims to improve coordination between transit and non-traditional stakeholders. The interactive course highlights community partnerships that improve coordination and helps participants identify new partners to expand networks and resources. The course is free for public transit and government agencies.

#### 2019 Courses:

February 4-5, 2019 – Stockton, CA

April 23-24, 2019 - Des Moines, IA

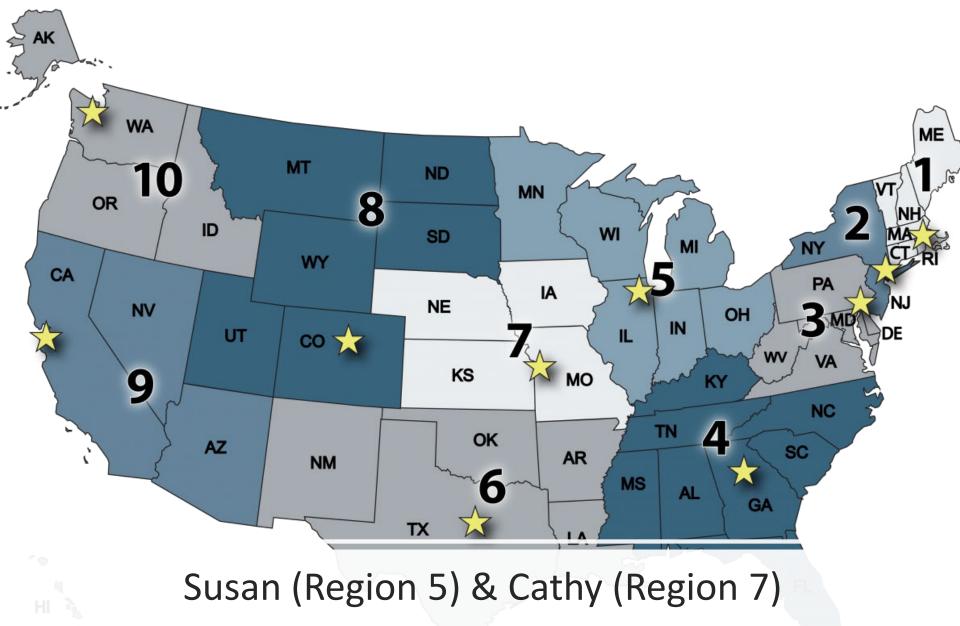
May 8-9, 2019 – Charleston, WV

June 11-12, 2019 – Anchorage, AK

\*2020 Course Dates TBD –one course will be offered at the Minnesota DOT in St. Paul, MN

The course is designed to build the capacity of community professionals to implement and scale up mobility management strategies and initiatives, and expose participants to promising practices in the field.

Register: www.ntionline.com/advancing-mobility-management







## Region 5







#### Minnesota Council on Transportation Access







https://www.rtachicago.org/riderresources/accessible-transit/videos-rtamobility-management-program





## Region 7



- Kansas City Area
   Transportation Authority
  - RideshareKC's mission is to increase mobility and reduce congestion by providing information on and promoting commuter transportation services
  - RideKC Freedom On-Demand -Kansas City's app-based, same-day transportation service.







- Bi-State Development Agency St. Louis, MO
  - Link Market Fresh Food Kiosks at Metro Stations
    - Partners: Missouri Dept. of Health
       & Bi-State Development Agency
      - Program aimed at offering healthy items to residents of socalled food deserts.
  - Links 2 Health Accessing Rides to Community Healthcare
    - Partners: St. Louis Dept. of Public Health & Bi-State Development Agency
      - Utilizing public health mobile clinics at public transit station to bridge silos & health care for public transit riders along their route.
  - MetroMarket Bus Mobile Farmer's Market



### Mobility Management as a Solution

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## Mobility Management: Creating a Platform for Innovation

- Coordinated approach to designing and delivering transportation service
- Opportunity to implement coordinated transportation plans
- Customer driven
- Creates a network—public transit, private operators, cycling and walking, volunteer drivers.
- Deliver the transportation options that best meet the community's needs based on needs and data





## Mobility Management is...









## BOOTS ON THE GROUND

## What is Going on Nationally? NCMM State of the States Report

Figure 1. Factors That Facilitate Coordination in Mobility Management Networks

### Primary

Coordinator at the state level

Strategic collaboration with other agencies and initiatives (could be at local, regional, state, or federal level)

Effective communication among network leaders and members

### Secondary

Technical expertise valued by member agencies and shared in timely and relevant ways

Favorable policy climate

Use of performance measures for continuous quality improvement

Sufficient funding and/or volunteer capacity

### Tertiary

Members see collaboration as in the best interest of users

Positive relationship with state DOT (past or present)

Targeted state-level legislation

Increased awareness for purposes of recruiting more network members



Schlossberg, based on Mattessich & Monsey

## Building a Statewide Network

## NCMM Mobility Management: State of the States Report

- Reached out to 49 state-level professionals
- Thirty states responded 21 completed survey



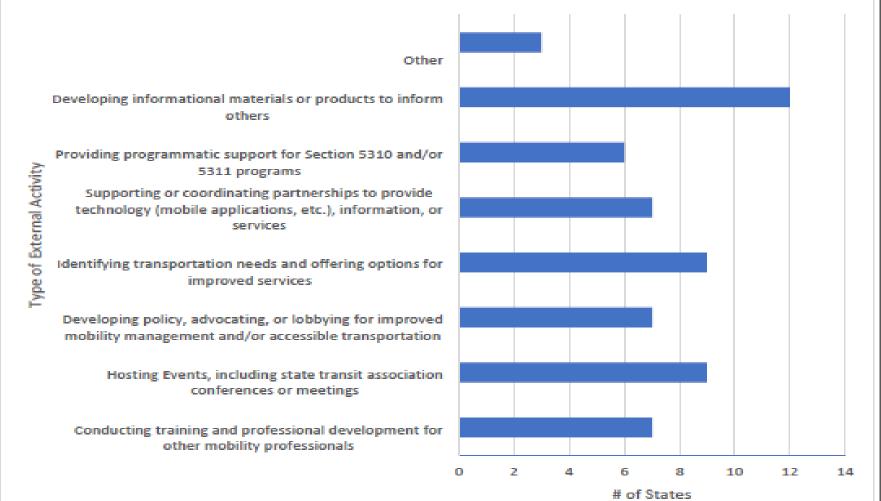
Table 3. Frequency of Statewide Networks

	Count	Percent
Has Statewide Network	14	67%
No Statewide Network	6	29%
I Don't Know	1	5%

### What Statewide Networks Look Like

- Geographic scale
- Lead agency DOTs
  - 8 indicated they were aligned with state coordination efforts
- Establishing agency mostly DOTs
- Funding sources
  - Mix state funding & member organizations
- Sixty-seven percent of networks > 10 members
- 5 out of 14 had performance measurement plans for mobility managers; Only one had a performance measurement plan for network.





Of those communities being served by mobility managers, we can systematically prove that the community has a greater acceptance of public transit, and stronger knowledge of services available.

Nevada DOT



## The National Center for Mobility Management

The mission of the National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM) is to facilitate communities to adopt transportation strategies and mobility options that empower people to live independently and advance health, economic vitality, self-sufficiency, and community.

www.nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org



### Tap into Resources



National Center for Mobility Management



Washington, DC www.nadtc.org 866.983.3222 National Aging and Disability
Transportation Center



Rural Transit Assistance Program



**ACL Inclusive Transportation Partnerships** 



**Shared-use Mobility Center** 

## If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got.

In Fierce Conversations, By Susan Scott









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## Ohio Mobility Management



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## **Provide Transportation Information**



## Connect individuals with programs

























#### **MOBILITY MANAGEMENT: Current**

## In Ohio:

- 29 Ohio Mobility Managers
- 24 Rural and5 Urban
- 11 CoveringMultiple Counties



Transit & Mobility Management Working Together for the Future

## What If there are no transportation options?

Making an impact in the community

### Locally Developed Human Service Transportation Coordinated Plans



- Demographics
- All transportation providers
- Community Needs from surveying the public and public meetings
- FTA requires this process to include elderly and persons with disabilities
- The plan cannot be done behind closed doors, must involve public participation
- Create achievable short term and long term solutions to resolve the unmet needs
- Is a requirement for mobility management and STP funding

### Get involved in your local plans



If you do not have a mobility manager, search for your county lead agency on the ODOT website

Contribute at public meetings and plan surveys

Contact your local mobility manager

# Locally Developed Human Service Transportation Coordinated Plans

Deviated fixed route in Fayette County from local apartments, senior center and independent living facilities to the grocery stores, Wal-Mart, pharmacies, strip mall and to the gym. Cost is \$0.50 per trip on the shuttle with a 1 hour circulation schedule

Coordinated
Plan
Outcomes

Employment Shuttle in Logan County to the Honda manufacturing facilities.

Reduction in trip fares for low-income individuals in Shelby County

Established a transit system in Mount Gilead, OH and a local bus shuttle in 2019









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1976	<ul> <li>Iowa passes first-in-the-nation coordination law</li> <li>Iowa Code Chapter 324A</li> </ul>
1984	<ul> <li>Compliance review process added to Legislation</li> <li>Ad-Hoc Advisory Council created to develop Administrative Rules for future coordination in Iowa</li> <li>Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 761.910</li> </ul>
1991	<ul> <li>Iowa Transportation Coordination Council established</li> <li>Iowa Code requires (3) member agencies:</li> <li>Iowa Department of Transportation</li> <li>Iowa Department of Human Services</li> <li>Iowa Department of Elder Affairs (now Iowa Department on Aging)</li> </ul>
2006	<ul><li>United We Ride initiative</li><li>Introduction to mobility management</li></ul>
2009	<ul> <li>JARC &amp; New Freedom grants secured</li> <li>Iowa Mobility Management Network established</li> </ul>

### CIOWA DOT GETTING YOU THERE >>>>

### **Transportation Coordination Council**

### Current active ITCC member agencies:

- Iowa Department on Aging
- Iowa Department of Human Services
  - Bureau of Refugee Services
  - lowa Medicaid Enterprise
- Access2Care
- American Cancer Society
- Iowa Department of Public Health
- Iowa Department of Corrections
- AARP Iowa
- Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council
- Iowa Public Transit Association
- Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- Iowa's MPOs and RPAs.
- Epilepsy Foundation of Iowa
- Iowa Mobility Manager's Network



- Formally adopting (3) CCAM Goals:
  - Improve Access to the Community Through Transportation
  - Enhance Cost-Effectiveness of Coordinated Transportation
  - Strengthen Interagency Partnerships & Collaboration with State, Local and Industry Groups

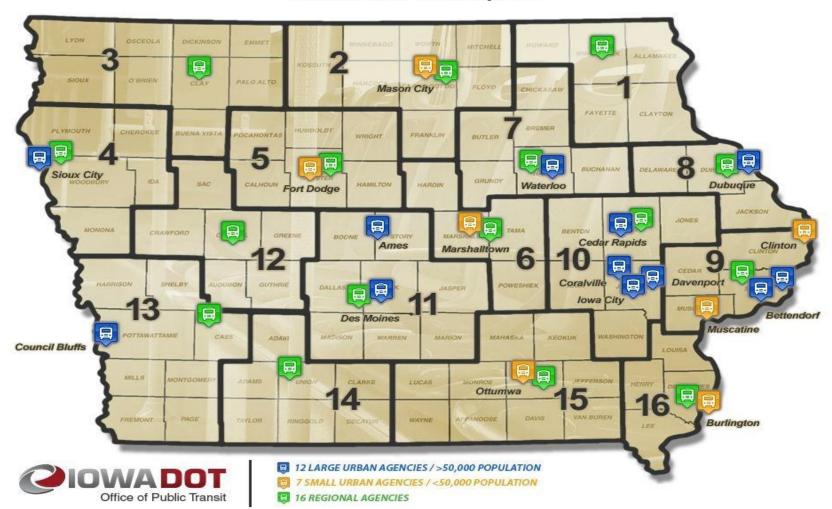






#### PUBLIC TRANSIT IN IOWA

#### Iowa's Public Transit System



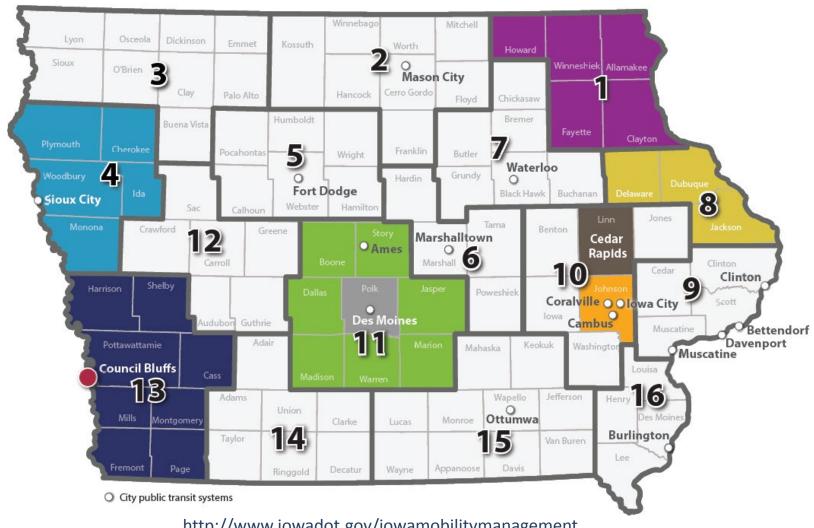


# by the numbers

- 35 Public Transit systems, covering all 99 counties
- Fiscal Year 2018 Ridership was over 25 Million
  - 22 Million rides provided by urban systems
  - 2 Million rides provided by regional systems
- 1,700+ public transit vehicles in operation
- Funding sources include local funds, tax levies, passenger revenue, State Transit Assistance, and the Federal Transit Administration



#### MAKING THE CONNECTION mobility management



http://www.iowadot.gov/iowamobilitymanagement

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### Iowa Department of Public Health - MOU

- Created out of an effort to improve the health and wellbeing of Iowan's and enhance collaboration
- Iowa Walking College
- Community Health Needs Assessment

### American Cancer Society

- Three year grant (lowa Cancer Consortium)
- Provide monetary assistance to patients going to cancer treatment appointments
- Connect transit and healthcare through a series of community meetings and group facilitation

## MAKING THE CONNECTION iowa rideshare

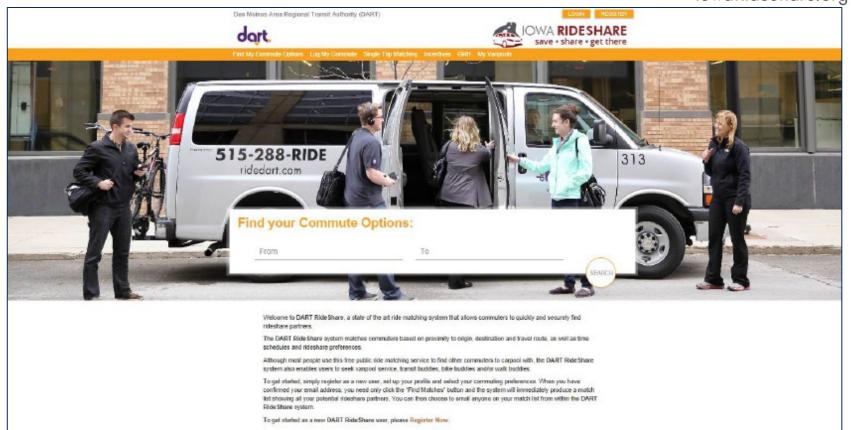


- **Iowa RideShare** was created out of local conversations in eastern Iowa, finding that ridesharing could solve congestion issues along the I-380 corridor, during major construction.
- Hosted by the Iowa DOT, services are available statewide, connecting riders on many levels:
  - Vanpool
  - Carpool
  - Transit Buddies
  - Walking Buddies
  - Biking Buddies

#### PUBLIC TRANSIT IN IOWA iowa rideshare



IowaRideShare.org



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CorridorRides OWA RIDESHARE CORRIDOR RIDES save · share · get there Find My Commute Options Log My Commute Single Trip Matching My Vanpools LET SOMEONE ELSE DRIVE. From To Service Policies ECICAG **⊘**IOWADOT creative corridor App Store Contact Us





- Employer Vanpool is a unique partnership that can transform the overall connectivity of the region
- NICE Bus, Mason City to Forrest City
  - Iowa DOT Special Projects Grant
  - Purchase 2 buses, 2 years operating
  - Lack of employees in rural areas, look to urbanized areas for recruitment
  - FY2014: 5800 riders
  - FY2016: 8800 riders





- DART Des Moines, IA
  - Employee Support Program
  - Employer pays all/part of bus pass
  - Reduce congestion/need for parking
- DART RideShare
  - Large employers, Banks, Law Firms, Healthcare, Schools, service organizations, State offices, non-profits
  - <a href="https://www.ridedart.com/fares/employer-support-programs">https://www.ridedart.com/fares/employer-support-programs</a>
- Business Development
  - (2) new routes created to manufacturing plants without access to bus routes.
  - Employer pays for employee bus fare

# THANK YOU!



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# Thoughts, Ideas, Questions?



