

# CPT-HST Plan Amendment

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The Coordinated Public Transit Human Service Transportation Plan (CPT-HST) was drafted and endorsed in 2014. This plan identifies goals and objectives to direct FTA section 5310 funds: Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with disabilities. Comments were received after the public comment section concluded. The comments prompted the following changes:

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The identified needs are listed below and align with goals established in this plan:

- Expanding evening, nighttime and weekend service
  - Access to recreational, educational and training programs
  - Access to long distance medical facilities.
  - Supporting and expanding existing coordination efforts
  - Advertising effectively promote public transportation and increased understanding of existing services
  - Improving pedestrian infrastructure on and leading to service routes
  - Acquisition of capital equipment including vehicle and technical applications
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~~The disabled population in Barnstable County is made up of all ages.~~ In defining “disability”, the Cape Cod Commission recognizes the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) definition<sup>1</sup>. The ADA defines a person with a disability as a person who has physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity. This includes people who have a record of such impairment, even if they do not currently have a disability. It also includes individuals who do not have a disability but are regarded as having a disability. The population of individuals with disabilities in Barnstable County is made up of all ages and features a broad array of transportation need and options. Students with disabilities are enrolled across Barnstable county’s K-12 schools. These schools offer ~~in Barnstable County have disability educational programs and~~ supplementary ~~disability~~ transportation services to students with disabilities. In the ~~For~~ higher education context, Cape Cod Community College (CCCC) offers ~~disability~~ training services ~~to help~~ designated to assist people with disabilities ~~disabled persons~~ enter the workforce. In addition to education, there are many people currently in the workforce that ~~are disabled~~ have disabilities and rely on transportation services. ~~The region contains~~ medical centers that are a major destination of all transportation services, ~~including those for individuals with disabilities for disabled people as well.~~ The Cape Cod Hospital, Falmouth Hospital, and Boston Medical Center are the major centers that attract transportation services from Barnstable County. A growing source of transportation service trips in this region’s healthcare sector is ~~also~~ independent health clinics such as dialysis centers. Assisted living facilities for individuals with disabilities located in the region also generate transportation services trips. ~~In short, individuals with disabilities In addition to physical disabilities, those with mental disabilities~~ use human service transportation to make necessary trips to medical appointments, social events, work, or other regular tasks

The percentage population of individuals with disabilities in Barnstable Count is not meaningfully greater than national trends, as identified through American Community Survey data. ~~The population of individuals with disabilities is not noticeably high in Barnstable Count like the senior population. The data provided by ACS shows that the population is similar to national trends. This~~ Still, ~~shows that~~ there is a local is demand for transportation services and data indicates that people with disabilities often rely on public transportation ~~to go about necessary and regular tasks.~~ Expanding human transportation services will facilitate enhanced mobility of the region’s population of individuals with disabilities ~~allow individuals with disabilities to overcome burdens of limited mobility.~~

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ada.gov/pubs/adastatute08.htm#12102>

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Name/Organization/Town	Comment Summary	Response Summary
C. Bartley/CCCC student senate	Concerned about creating new government bureaucracy and advocated to expand transit service to users other than elderly and disabled	The report will not result in new government bureaucracy and service for other users will be examined in other studies
K. Corners/ St. George Greek Orthodox Church of Cape Cod	Identified expanding service to elderly and disabled as very important	Expressed agreement and thanks for the positive feedback
J. Diaz/ Greenman-Pedersen Inc.	Clarification on survey result presentation	Explained that more than one answer can be chosen therefore results that do not add up to 100%
M. Greenleaf Garrison/ The Friends of Baybridge Inc.	Identified that mental illness is not recognized as a disability and that social trips are not recognized in the goals	Incorporated the recognitions into the report

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- Accessible transportation to education facilities, training programs and recreational events.

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**Goal 1 - Provide service to address barriers and unmet needs for seniors and disabled communities**

Objectives

- Provide weekend and evening service
- Improve journey to work options
- Provide access to schools and training facilities
- Provide long distance medical trips
- Provide last minute trips
- Improve demand response scheduling
- Provide access to recreational events

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- Access to recreational events, educational facilities and training programs
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