

**REGIONAL COORDINATION COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION:
REGION 7
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

WHEREAS there are several different transportation programs currently providing service within Region 7 to seniors, persons with disabilities, human service agency clients and others without access to public transportation;

WHEREAS there are significant unmet needs for individuals requiring such transportation services;

WHEREAS this service gap is anticipated to grow significantly in the next twenty years due to demographic trends in this region;

WHEREAS coordination efforts have been shown to result in increased service through improved cost efficiency, elimination of duplication, and access to additional funding; and

WHEREAS there is a need — and an opportunity — to create a balanced network of diverse transportation services and options by coordinating transportation in this region,

BE IT KNOWN THAT

_____ intends to participate in the establishment and functioning of the Region 7 Regional Coordination Council for Community Transportation (hereinafter called the Council or RCC). This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) documents this intent and the organization's commitment to the primary mission of the Council.

Region 7 includes (Nashua Region specific boundaries to be determined).

The primary mission of the Council is to:

- To recruit, select (with approval from the State Coordinating Council), guide, assist, monitor, and if necessary replace the Regional Transportation Coordinator (RTC), an organization which will be responsible for the day-to-day coordination of community transportation in the region.
- Help develop, implement, and provide guidance to the coordination of shared ride transportation options within Region 7 so that as resources allow(1) seniors, persons with disabilities and human service agency consumers can safely access local and regional transportation services to get to locations within the region and between regions; and (2) municipalities, human service agencies and other organizations can purchase such shared ride coordinated transportation services for their citizens, clients, and customers and (3) qualifying individuals, not working through an agency, would have the option to purchase/order transportation services.
- Provide feedback to the State Coordinating Council for Community Transportation (SCC) relative to the policies that this Council has established.

- To educate the community, including elected officials at the federal, state, county and local levels, on the need for funding of these coordinated transportation services, as well as,
- To investigate additional funding sources via available resources, for example, federal funds such as New Freedoms, JARC, various grants and other funding sources.

In addition to actual service delivery options, the focus of the Council's mission will encompass transportation options such as mileage reimbursement, subsidy programs, volunteer driver programs, and vehicle sharing, as well as related functions such as travel training, information referral, call-center functions, vehicle procurement, insurance and maintenance, training, and technological support.

In signifying this intention and commitment, _____ pledges to:

- Designate one representative. (And/or up to two alternate representatives) to the Council, and ensure that the representative attends regularly scheduled meetings of the Council and is active in the functioning of the Council and Committees.
- Provide meeting space for the Council and/or Committees, as needed.

Signing this MOU does not signify a commitment of funding at this time.

Either party may cancel this MOU with 14 days written notice.

This MOU will be reviewed/renewed annually.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, indicates its support and intent:

Name: _____
 Title: _____
 Organization: _____
 Signature: _____
 Date: _____

ACCEPTANCE BY:

Name: _____
 Title: _____
 Organization: _____
 Signature: _____
 Date: _____