

Southeast

Rural Regional Mobility

TPR 7: Southeast

Host Organization

Southeast Colorado Enterprise Development & CASTA

Stakeholders

Baca County Senior Van
 Golden Age Transportation Service
 RSVP
 Kiowa County Transit
 La Junta Transit/Senior Center
 Inspiration Field
 Otero Veterans Service
 Prowers Area Transit
 Prowers County Veterans

Bent County Transit
 Bustang Outrider
 Greyhound
 Kiowa County
 Prowers County
 Otero County
 Otero County Public Works
 Baca County
 Bent County

Goals & Objectives

Identified gaps in services in the RCC region include:

- No service for transit-dependent who do not live along fixed-route in Eastern Pueblo County, Otero County, and Crowley County. This includes no public or private providers for anything other than medical.
- Kiowa County has no affordable on-demand services (under \$20 per trip).
- Bent and Prowers Counties offers no weekend service.
- Baca County only provides once weekly service in the three largest towns, currently no service at other times, no service, public or private, that link to any other counties, municipalities, or the statewide network; additionally there is no NEMT or medical.

Southeast Regional Coordinating Council goals include:

- Maximize enthusiasm and “buy in”
- Establishing a Regional Coordinated System

Coordinating Councils (Regional – RCC or Local – LCC) are an alliance of community organizations, individuals, and other interested groups that work together to identify and fulfill the public and human service transportation needs of their counties.

Key target populations include older adults, people with disabilities, and low-income populations. Source: DRMAC

CDOT FUNDING



Budget:

FTA 5311 State Administrative Funds

\$24,900 – Total Funds

\$21,400 – Personnel costs: Staff Facilitation and Project Management

\$3,500 – Travel Expenditures, Materials and Supplies

Timeline:

July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

Year 2: July 2019 – June 2020

Project Scope of Work:

1. LCC/RCC Operation and Creation.
2. Establish goals and objectives for the LCC/RCC.
3. Facilitate and host regularly scheduled meetings that highlight transportation resources and needs.
4. Interact with, communicate with, and engage community leaders and elected officials.
5. Focus on an achievable, relevant, and specific “cause” or goal with a measurable outcome.
6. Outreach to underrepresented areas within TPR 14 including taking reasonable steps to ensure Limited English Proficiency persons have meaningful access to your programs and activities and ensuring that meeting locations are ADA accessible.
7. Market available services and identify service gaps.
8. Inventory available resources and inform, set, or support policies to increase efficiency among providers.
9. Create a platform to share/consolidate training, grant writing, or other services.
10. Attend resource fairs and events to provide transportation options resources to the public.

Southeast Regional Coordinating Council objectives include:

- Identify all current transit options
- Determine whether service exists to fill the need
- Connect transit options into one coordinated system

Potential Action Items:

- Talk with social services (local/county)
- Survey of clients and potential riders to identify their needs
- Hold an event, such as travel training for Outrider
- Develop more options for target populations in need of service between counties, i.e. volunteer driver programs
- Creating working-subcommittees

Outcomes

The Southeast continues to hold RCC meetings. Efforts have included creating a stakeholder database and newsletter format. Stakeholders have identified a want to hold RCC meetings in conjunction with TPR 7 meetings which are only held quarterly. Efforts to increase meeting frequency are currently happening. The first newsletter was successfully sent out to stakeholders in February 2019.

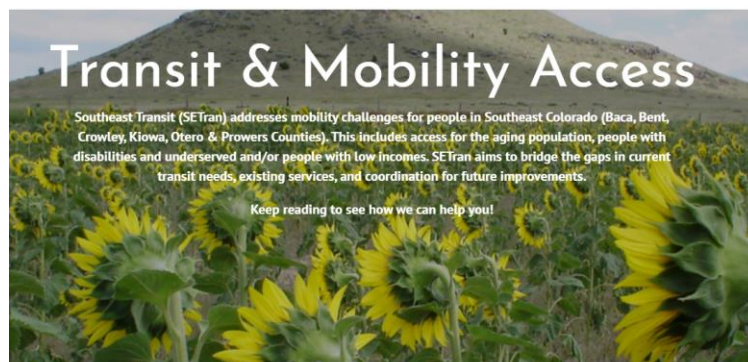
Next Steps

Efforts include coordinating with the Statewide Transit plan update, recruiting more stakeholders and adding them to RCC database, increasing RCC meeting frequency, and continuing to send out newsletter updates.

Current efforts include:

- Implementing the Action Plan
- Working to implement more bus stops and shelters
- Finishing and printing a resource guide
- Finishing and publishing a website, setran.net

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