



 **MIAMI VALLEY**  
Regional Planning Commission

**GRMI Council Meeting  
November 1, 2022**



# Agenda

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|--------------------------|------------|
| Welcome/Introductions    | 10:00 a.m. |
| Council Updates          | 10:10 a.m. |
| Regional Driver Training | 11:00 a.m. |
| Agency Announcements     | 11:40 a.m. |

# Council Updates

- Sign up for the Miami Valley Connect!
- 2023 Council Calendar
- ODOT Funding Cycle – LOI February
- Annual Plan Update – SWOT and unmet needs
- Regional Draft Letter – Vehicle Vandalism
- Regional Study Progress – Dispatching
- Regional Volunteer Program – RideConnect
- Regional Driver Training

# Miami Valley Connect



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# 2023 Calendar

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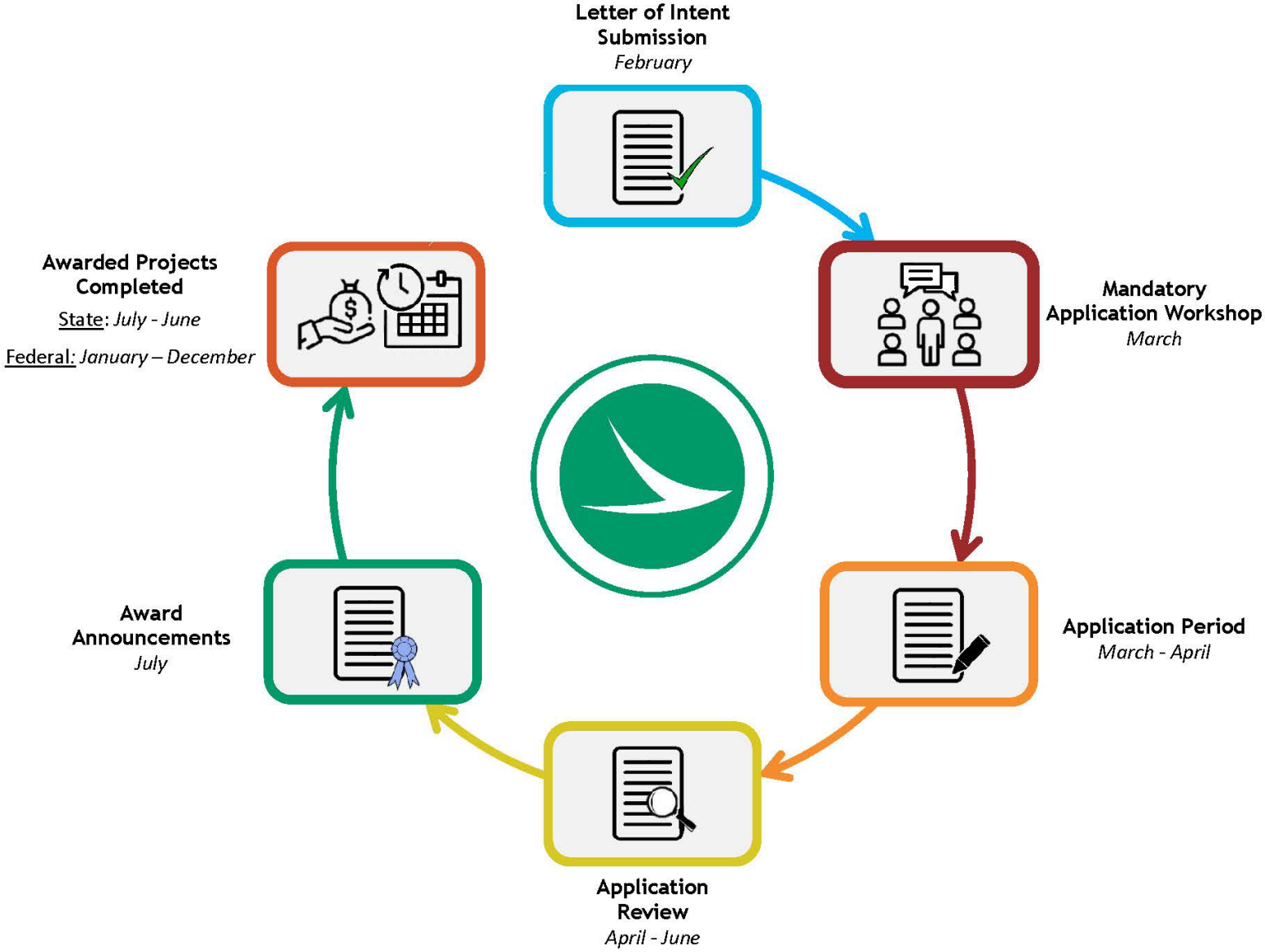
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# ODOT Funding Cycle



# SWOT Analysis

## Strength

1. Passion for mission
2. Regional networking
3. Customer service
4. Mobility management network
5. Knowledge of demographic/travel patterns
6. Consistent leadership

## Weakness

1. Lack of funding
2. Lack of rider representation
3. Lack of drivers
4. Service hour gaps
5. Cross jurisdictional boundaries
6. Aging vehicles
7. Same day service
8. Rural/urban access point
9. Lack of service providers
10. Lack of ambulatory services

## Opportunities

1. Increase rider advocacy
2. County-to-county coordination
3. Resiliency building
4. Regional driver training
5. Provider trip sharing
6. Employment transportation

## Threats

1. Driver shortage
2. Vehicle vandalism
3. Funding limited, low reimbursement, lack of ability to share funds
4. Local support
5. Transportation provider safety risks
6. Fuel costs
7. Lack of consistent driver training



## Funding Opportunity

- Opportunities to learn about grants other than 5310—state, federal and local funding
- General tips for applying for grants
- Assistance with applying for 5310 funds



## Meeting Topic Suggestions

- Regular updates from transit providers
- Security measures to prevent theft
- Specific topics around— developmental disability, aging, veterans, etc.
- Successful driver recruitment approaches— what has worked, what hasn't
- Meetings addressing legislative issues



## Increase Rider Representation

- Presentations to local advocacy groups and encourage joining meetings
- Offer virtual public forums targeting riders and advocates
- Ensuring clear communication during meetings -avoid jargon, plain language, etc.
- Partner with agencies such as public transits, private providers, nursing home residents, senior centers, job and family service, group homes, etc. to target rider representation



## Other Suggestions

- Offer virtual meetings
- Field trips/tours – visit member facilities, ride different public transportation services etc. (must be accessible)
- New training opportunities such as driver training, advocacy training, trip planning, operations, etc.



## Catalytic Converter Theft is on the rise:

Average Daily Thefts - 80/day

Average Cost to Replace - \$1,500-\$2,200

# STOP



## Catalytic Converter Theft

## Draft Regional Letter

Mark Schlater, CEO Towards Independence

81 E. Main Street

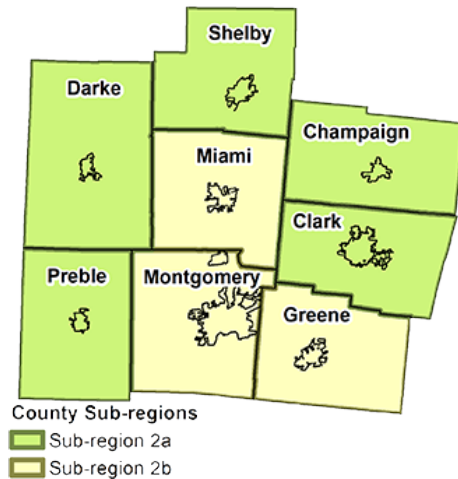
Xenia, OH 45385

<https://ti-inc.org/>



# Regional Study

ODOT made available \$100,000 to Region 2 for regional level projects



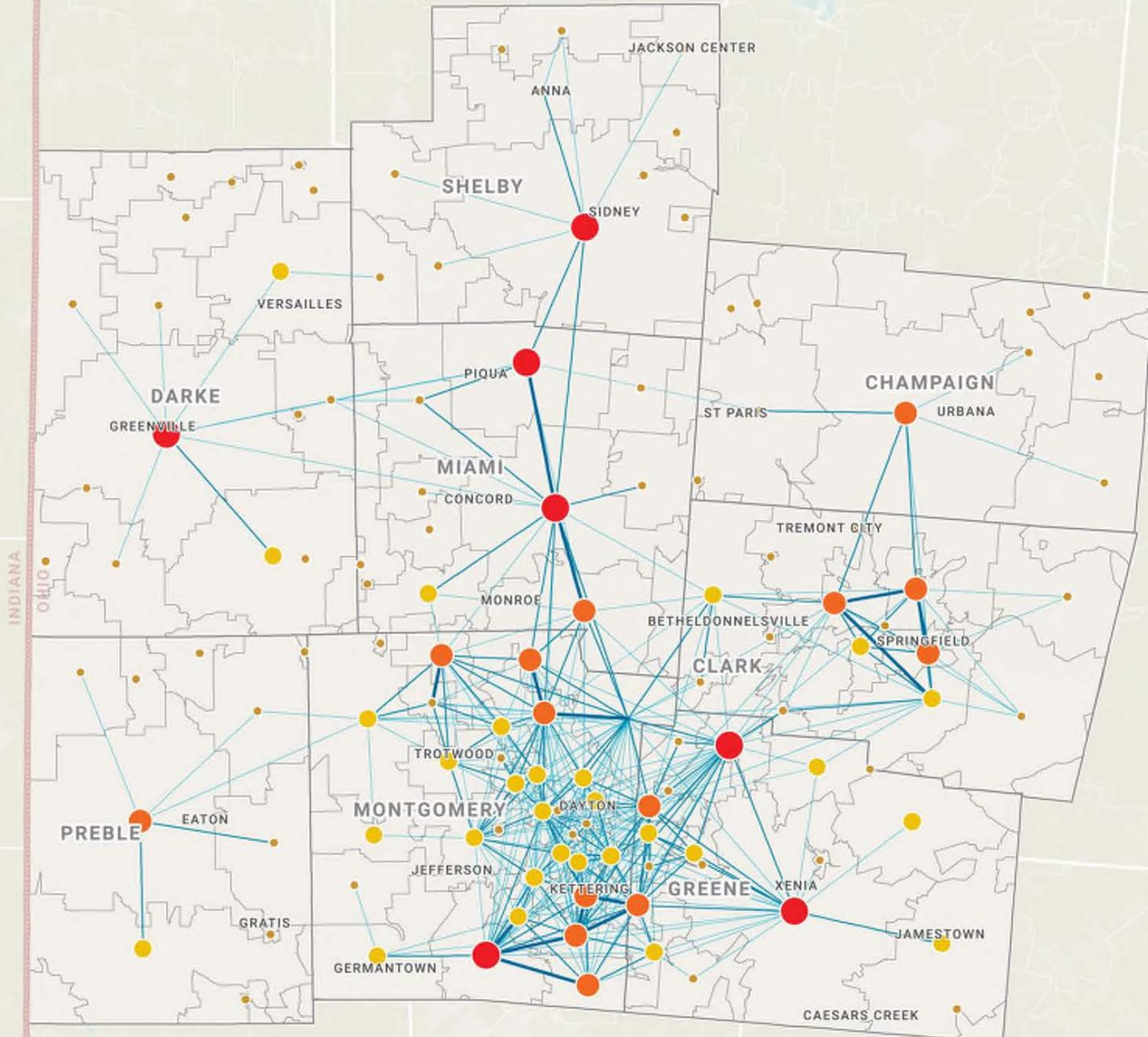
- Project addresses regional plan Goal 1 of the GRMI: Enhance Regional Coordination
- Project review public & private transportation providers and compare with needs
- Intent to establish centralized scheduling hub for services across the region

## Project Progress

- ✓ Clark County TCC was identified as Lead Agency
  - ✓ Bid award: Stantec Consulting Services
  - ✓ Finalized late summer/early summer 2022
- ☐ Half of funding remains unspent, looking to reevaluate and potentially extend contract into 2023



Transportation  
Coordinating  
Committee



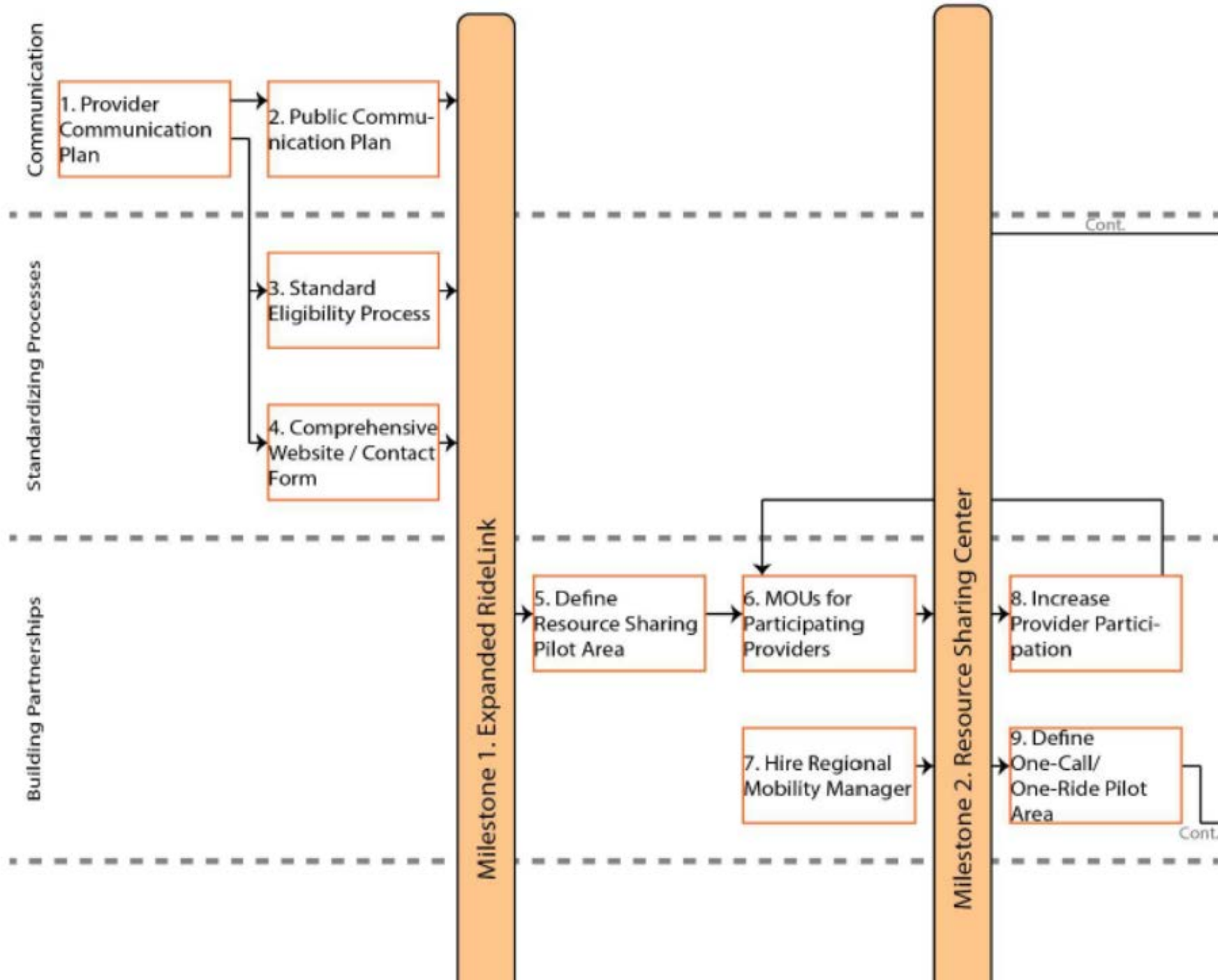
**TRIPS WITHIN SAME ZIP CODE (2021)**

- 0 - 5,000
- 5,0001 - 15,000
- 15,001 - 40,000
- 40,001 - 85,000

**TRIPS TO OTHER ZIP CODE (2021)**

- 501 - 1,500
- 1,501 - 7,500
- 7,501 - 15,000

- ZIP CODES
- COUNTY BOUNDARY
- STATE BOUNDARY



# RideConnect

“

*It's a 'God Moment' to be able to help someone with a ride that we all take for granted. This fills a real, serious need. I've met some great folks driving for Catholic Social Services' RideConnect program.*

**PHILLIP LAHRMER**

*RideConnect Volunteer Driver*





*Clark State, The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and the  
Greater Regional Mobility Initiative bring you our*

# **DRIVER TRAINING PROGRAM**

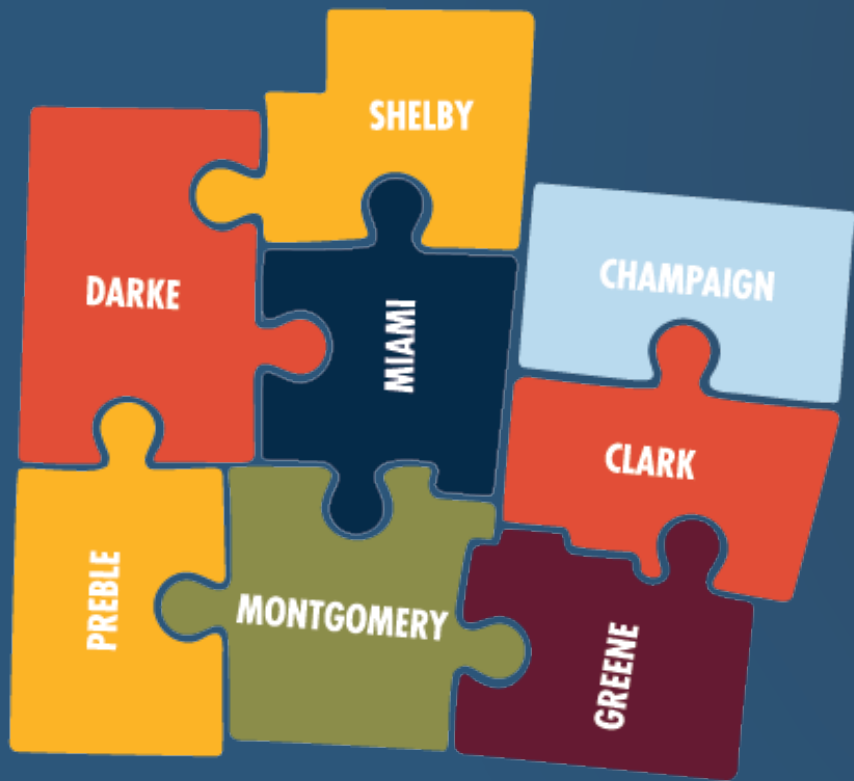
# Funding Opportunities

## National Center for Mobility Management:

- \$75,000 to communities for piloting mobility solutions
- [2023 Ready-to-Launch Grant](#) projects address transportation equity for low-income individuals, older adults, and/or underserved communities
- **Deadline: November 23, 2022**

## National Center for Mobility Management:

- [Strategic Technology Technical Assistance Teams](#) (STTATs)
- small-urban, rural and tribal transit agencies to help navigate a technology challenge or opportunity that results in a useful strategy for their agency, like implementation planning or preparing a ready-to-go technology solicitation.
- **Accepted on an on-going basis**



# REGIONAL DRIVER TRAINING PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 1, 2022  
SHANNON WEBSTER  
GREENE COUNTY  
MOBILITY MANAGER

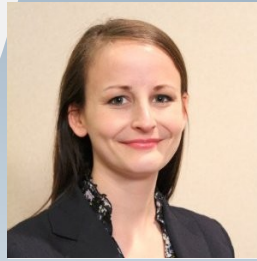


# Steering Committee



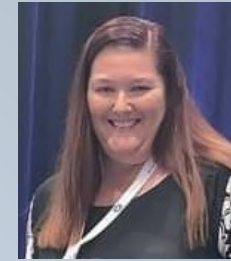
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Greene County Mobility Manager



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Technical Assistance Review (TAR) Coordinator, ODOT



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Champaign, Clark, Darke, and Shelby Counties Mobility Manager

# Current Regional Statistics



Individuals with  
Disabilities  
Regional average  
~ 15.5% or  
1 out of six people



Seniors (65+)  
Regional average  
~ 15%  
By 2030, 34%  
increase or  
1 out of 5 people



Poverty & Zero Car  
Households  
~ 60,000  
households living at  
150% poverty level  
No access to  
vehicle:  
1 out of 16 people

Source: <https://www.mvrpc.org/transportation/greater-region-mobility-initiative/greater-region-transportation-coordination-plan>

# About the Pilot

- *GRMI Transportation Coordination Plan 2020/2024*
  - Goal 1 – Strategy 1.5
    - Enhancing regional coordination
    - Standardization of driver training

- Public Transit
- Volunteer Driving programs
- Senior Center Transportation
- Non-Medical
- Non-Emergency Medical



# Additional Challenge



## Driver Shortage

Across all  
transportation  
sectors



## Curriculum

One Week of  
Training



## Trust

Certified  
non-CDL driver



## Cost

no-cost or low-cost  
to participants



## Opportunities

Guaranteed  
Interview &  
CDL (B) Training

# Curriculum

## Driver Training Program

- CPR/First Aid/AED (4.0 hours)
- Defensive Driving Course (4.0 hours)
- DRIVE Fundamentals: Transporting Older & Disabled Passengers (8.0 hours)
  - Includes safety and emergency procedures
  - Includes bloodborne pathogens
  - Includes lift procedures/wheelchair securement
- Ride along with Technology (1.0 hour)
- Direct Support Professional of Waiver Services Initial Training (3.5 hours online)
- Conflict Management (1.5 hours)

## ODOT Vehicle Operator Training Policy

- First Aid & CPR
- Defensive Driving Course
- Emergency Procedures and Evacuation
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Lift Procedures and Wheelchair Securement
- On the Road Training
- Transporting Individuals with Disabilities
- Passenger Relations



# Regional Mobility Managers

Will teach DRIVE and  
Defensive Driving courses





## TechCred

TechCred helps Ohioans learn new skills and helps employers build a stronger workforce with the skills needed in a technology-infused economy.



## WIOA

WIOA is designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market and to match employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy.



## PRC

Ohio's Prevention, Retention and Contingency (PRC) program provides work supports and other services to help low-income families overcome immediate barriers to achieve self-sufficiency.

# Possible Funding

Ohio Department of Job &  
Family Services

Ohio Means Jobs

**WE NEED  
YOUR SUPPORT**



# The Ask

Let us know if you can help

Email your Posting to  
[JobBoard@MVRPC.org](mailto:JobBoard@MVRPC.org)

[MiamiValleyGovJobs.org](http://MiamiValleyGovJobs.org)

EXPAND your candidate pool and IMPROVE job posting visibility on the Miami Valley's ONE-STOP website for government and public agency jobs.

Host Ride Alongs with  
Students at your Agency

[sanderson@mvrpc.org](mailto:sanderson@mvrpc.org)

Emphasizes the operational responsibilities of operators, including technology devices used to perform job functions.

Guarantee Job  
Interviews for  
Graduates

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# THANK YOU

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