Support Systems and Alternatives for Elderly Transportation

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Current Status of Public Transportation

Resources

• 68 Rural Transit Providers
• 5 Urban Transit Providers
• 19 Cab Companies
• 7 Intercity Bus Companies
• Amtrak (McCook, Holdrege, Hastings, Lincoln, Omaha)
• 7 Airports with Commercial Service
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Websites with Transit Information

• NPTA Transit Directory
  http://www.nebraskatransportation.org/rpt/transit-dir/index.htm

• PIA Transit Directory
  http://www.pianetwork.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=30&Itemid=9
Public Transit Barriers

• Jurisdictional
  – Who Pays Determines Who Plays

• Timing
  – Right Place at the Right Time

• Finance
  – Is Public Transit a Good Investment in Nebraska?

• Low Priority
  – Where do you find information about transit in state government?
Development Activities

• Formation of the Nebraska Public Transportation Coalition
• Partnership with Easter Seals Nebraska
• Development of Regional Public Transit Coordination Plans
• Establish a Mobility Management Process in Nebraska
• Coordination is Key
Healthcare Providers’ Stake

• Healthcare services are a significant destination of public transit services
• An optimal degree of coordination can enhance efficiency of transit and health care services
• Healthcare Provider participation in the development of the Mobility Management process is essential