

# TPB'S COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

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## Updates and review of Strategies and Priority Projects

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# Presentation Overview

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- Update AFA on 2023 Coordinated Plan status and timeline
- Present staff's summary of Unmet Needs activities from April 2022
- Review and receive AFA feedback on two major elements:
  - Strategies for Improved Service and Coordination
  - Priority Projects



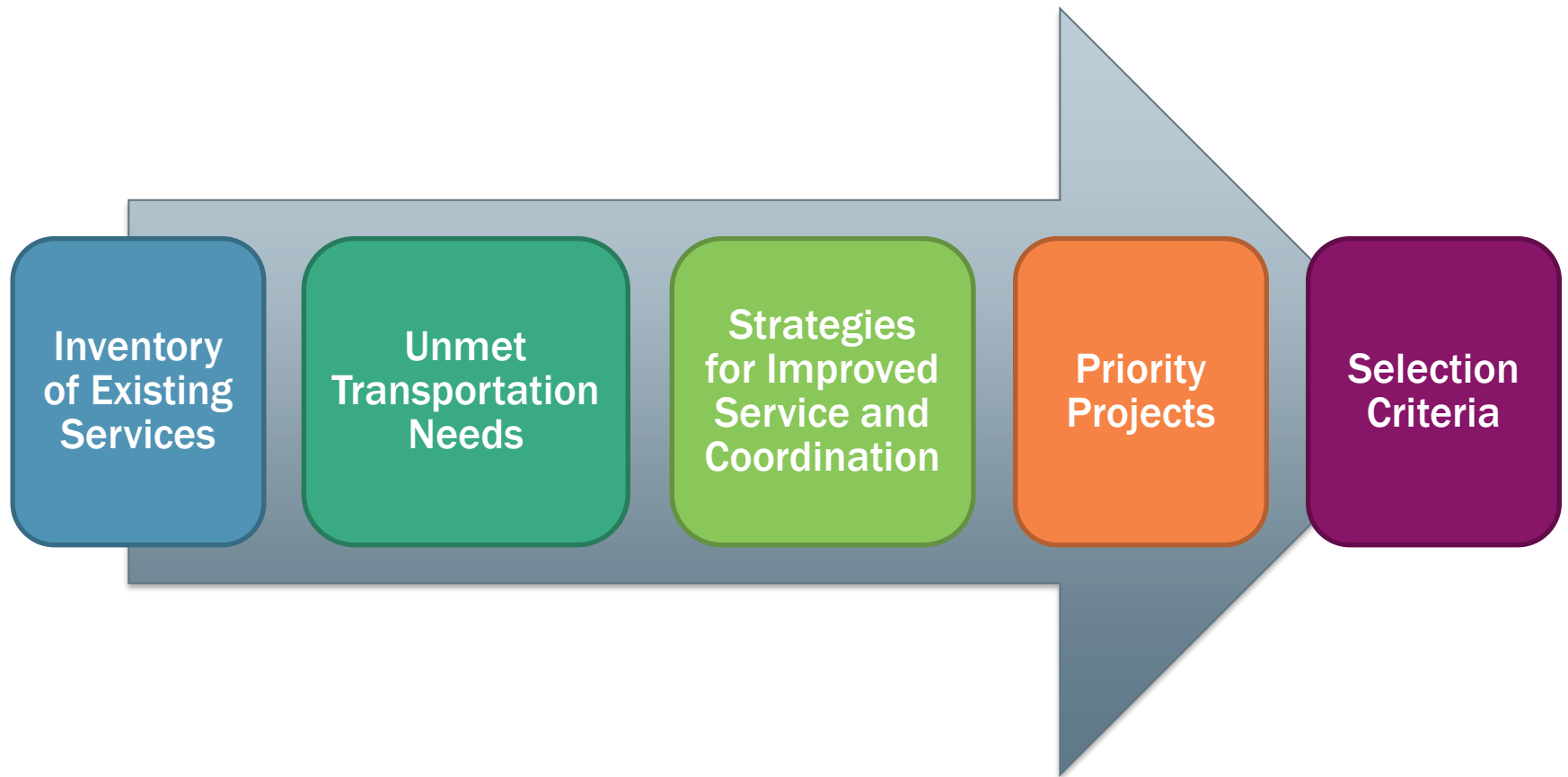
# What is the Coordinated Plan?

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- The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires a Coordinated Plan to guide implementation of the Enhanced Mobility grant program
- Must be updated every 4 years (in 2018)
- Its purpose is to:
  1. Identify the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities and older adults
  2. Provide strategies for meeting these needs
  3. Prioritize transportation services for funding and implementation



# Structure of the Coordinated Plan



# Status and Timeline

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- ✓ **Complete**

- ✓ Inventory of Existing Services
- ✓ Unmet Transportation Needs

- **Today**

- Review and comment on “Strategies for Improved Service and Coordination” and “Priority Projects”

- **Next**

- **March 2023:** AFA comment on full draft plan
- **April 2023:** Draft Coordinated Plan presented to TPB, CAC, & AFA. Begin 30-day public comment
- **May 203:** TPB action to approve



# Summary of Unmet Transportation Needs

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- Used to inform the development of the strategies and priority projects
- Using the “4 A’s” Structure
  - **Availability:** Need for more options, more coordination, more reliable and specialized travel (esp. from the east to the west)
  - **Awareness:** More centralized and routinely updated information, promotion of existing transportation services, available in various methods, coordination of dissemination of information and marketing across programs, & new approaches for training of transportation managers



# Summary of Unmet Transportation Needs

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- **Accessibility:** Universally acceptable technology, internet availability, regular maintenance of accessible services, improve wheelchair accessibility (esp 1<sup>st</sup> and last mile), accessibility of private services, considering accessibility at the planning, design and implementation stages of a project, program or service
- **Affordability:** Cost is a barrier for many people, public transit can be both time and cost-prohibitive, more funding for additional transportation services, and subsidies or funding for personal care attendants for people who need them to use transportation services



# Strategies for Improved Service and Coordination

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- Broadly defined to address the unmet transportation needs
- Proposals must be responsive to at least one of the following four strategies where projects with a greater overall impact having a greater priority for funding:
  - I. Expand **availability** and coordination of transportation options
  - II. Increase **awareness** of existing transportation services
  - III. Improve **accessibility** of transportation options
  - IV. Make transportation options more **affordable** and sustainable





# Priority Projects

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- Signal to potential applicants the kinds of projects that are most needed in the region.
- Agencies may also apply for other project types not listed as priority projects



# Priority Projects

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1. Mobility Management at the Systems and Individual Level
2. Coordinated Planning Efforts
3. Travel Training
4. Door-through-Door or Escorted Transportation Service
5. Increase Access to Transit Stations (and First Mile/Last Mile Connections)
6. Increase Wheelchair-Accessible Options in Taxi and Ride-Hailing Services
7. Volunteer Driver Programs
8. Tailored Transportation Service for Clients of Human Service Agencies (e.g. Vehicle Acquisition)



# Discussion

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- Are the Strategies capturing the most significant transportation needs?
- Are the Priority Projects supporting those Strategies?
- If not, what is missing? Additional comments?



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