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Dear Conference Delegates and Participants:

"From Awareness to Action" is not only a fitting theme for the 2005 White House Conference on Aging but is also a moniker for the generation now preparing for retirement. It defines the baby boomers who helped reassess nearly every political, social and cultural convention, and who became synonymous with "freedom" and "independence."

As we reassess aging in America, we realize one of the most serious threats to today's seniors' "freedom" and "independence" is inadequate transportation options. Keeping aging Americans mobile has critical implications for every major issue at this year's White House Conference, from seniors' physical and mental health to their economic well-being and access to services.

Older Americans face serious mobility challenges today. More than half of all non-drivers age 65 and older stay home, resulting in 65 percent fewer trips for social, family and religious activities, largely because of limited transportation options. The resulting isolation and hardship can no longer be viewed as simply a personal or family problem as it has significant social and economic implications. This issue must be a public policy priority for national, state and local governments and their elected officials.

As the number of older Americans increases, it is imperative that our transportation system find new ways to meet the needs of citizens who are unable to drive or who want other mobility options.

The public transportation industry is already responding to this need. Across the nation, public transit systems are making their services more accessible, convenient and user-friendly for older riders. Through new technologies and equipment, reduced fares, awareness training, "buddy" travel programs and individualized assistance, public transportation is meeting the growing needs of America's senior population in innovative, cost-efficient ways. We're proud of our efforts, but more needs to be done.

The American Public Transportation Association believes that the 2005 White House Conference on Aging will not only generate new ideas and initiatives but also will launch a nationwide commitment to improving transportation options for America's seniors. In typical baby boom generation fashion, that may mean challenging conventional wisdom and reassessing assumptions.

We hope this information kit helps turn "awareness" into "action" and sparks positive debate about the need for increased investment to keep older Americans mobile – now and in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "William W. Millar". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

William W. Millar
President



10 Things You Can Do to Help Make Public Transportation More Accessible to Seniors in Your Community

If you or your organization is an advocate for older Americans, you can help your constituents stay active and independent by providing them with an opportunity to learn about the benefits of public transportation. Below are 10 simple but significant initiatives you can implement to encourage seniors to use transit services available to them.

1 Engage in Dialogue with Seniors.

Invite your local transit agency officials to make a presentation at a seminar, workshop or monthly meeting at a senior housing complex, multipurpose center, senior high-rise complex – any place where seniors live, work and socialize. Transit information guides and maps could be distributed, along with a list of easy-to-reach popular destinations.

2 Train Volunteers and Staff.

Incorporate information about how seniors can access public transportation into existing training programs for volunteers and staff at local senior community centers, area agencies on aging, social services organizations and non-profit groups, such as the local AARP and United Way offices. Volunteers and staff could be trained to disseminate helpful tips and to encourage seniors to “try transit.”

3 Publish a Story.

Publish an article in your organization’s newsletter, monthly magazine or on your web site about how transit is the transportation of choice for many local older residents who cannot drive, choose not to drive, or simply do not have access to an automobile.

4 Reach Out to the Healthcare Community.

Ask your transit system to provide transportation for seniors to visit health care clinics, get flu shots or benefit from an annual free health screening. Hospitals and health care organizations nationwide have developed network programs to reach older Americans. Participate in special events and use healthcare groups’ communication channels, such as newsletters, to reach older adults.

5 Write to Your Local Newspaper.

Submit a letter to the editor or an op-ed article to your local newspaper describing the mobility problems of local seniors and how public transportation is one possible solution.

6 Educate the Media. Encourage your local and regional print, radio, television and Internet media to publicize both the critical mobility needs of seniors in your area as well as any efforts by transit officials to meet these needs. The local media should be important allies in raising awareness about the mobility challenges for seniors in your community.

7 Involve Elected Officials. Involve your local, state and federal elected officials in any transit-related activities, events or outreach efforts with older residents. Many politicians will welcome the opportunity to participate in an event with local seniors and their advocates.

8 Arrange for Local Businesses to Offer Incentives.

Explore partnering with your transit system along with local retail stores, restaurants, businesses, movie theaters and entertainment venues who offer discounts and incentives for seniors to use public transportation. Your public transportation officials could arrange special services for seniors to receive discounts at a popular concert, movie matinee or shopping trip to select stores.

9 Reach Out to Faith-Based Groups.

Enlist faith-based coalitions and church ministries to spread the word about the benefits of public transit to their congregations. These groups provide social services, advice and support on a regular basis to their most vulnerable populations, including seniors.

10 Invite Your Transit Agency to Sponsor a Local Event.

Encourage your local transit system to sponsor a booth, exhibit or luncheon at conferences, local fairs, expos or seminars that are known to attract older residents.



Benefits of Public Transportation for Older Americans, for Everyone

Ensures Safety

- Public transportation is one of the safest modes of transportation in the United States.
- Riding a transit bus is 91 times safer than car travel. By train, passengers are 15 times safer.
- Public transportation helps seniors avoid dangerous driving situations, since older drivers have one of the highest fatality rates in automobile accidents.
- Every major public transportation system participates in annual safety improvement programs.
- The estimated annual cost of driving a single-occupant vehicle is between \$5,677 (for a small car) and \$11,697 (for a large car), while the annual cost of transit for one adult ranges from \$189 to \$2,266, depending upon the services used.
- Americans who live in areas with well-developed public transit systems save \$20 billion each year by using public transportation.

Keeps People of All Ages Active, Involved and Healthy

- People who use public transportation regularly get the daily physical activity recommended by the U.S. Surgeon General, according to the National Household Travel Survey.
- A survey by AARP revealed that 83 percent of older Americans want to remain independent as they age. Public transportation helps these citizens stay active in their communities by providing access to friends, shopping and medical care.
- Today, more than two-thirds of public transportation agencies are offering special services to meet the needs of seniors and persons with disabilities.

Fosters Livable Communities

- Public transportation corridors are focal points for social and economic activities that foster strong, stable and safe neighborhoods.
- The ability to travel conveniently in a local area, without a car, has been proven to be an important component of a community's livability.

Saves Money

- Using transit can significantly reduce household costs, which is particularly important for people on fixed or lower incomes.

Improves Air Quality

- Public transportation helps promote cleaner air by reducing automobile use and by utilizing cleaner-burning fuels such as compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, propane and diesel-electric hybrid technology.
- Using public transit reduces annual emissions of pollutants that cause smog - volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides - by more than 70,000 tons and 27,000 tons respectively.
- These reductions in air pollution save \$130 million - \$200 million annually in regulatory costs.
- If 1 in 5 people used public transportation daily, carbon monoxide pollution would decrease by more than the total emissions from all U.S. chemical manufacturing and metal processing plants.

Eases Traffic Congestion

- Public transportation eases traffic congestion by taking motorists off crowded roads.
- In communities that offer public transportation services, people use their cars less, thereby reducing traffic delays by as much as 66 percent.
- In America's most congested cities, public transportation saved travelers 1.1 billion hours in travel time in 2003, according to the Texas Transportation Institute.
- Without public transit in these congested cities, travel delays would have increased by 27 percent, causing every motorist to spend 60 hours a year in traffic.



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Reduces Energy Consumption

- For every passenger mile traveled, public transportation uses only about 50 percent of the fuel consumed by cars and about 35 percent of the fuel used by SUVs and light trucks.
- In total, transit vehicles use less than 1 percent of all energy consumed in the U.S. annually.
- Public transportation saves more than 855 million gallons of gasoline or 45 million barrels of oil every year - about the same amount of energy used to heat, cool and operate one-fourth of all American homes annually.
- If Americans used public transportation at the same rate as Europeans - about 10 percent of their daily travel needs - the U.S. would reduce its dependence on foreign oil by more than 40 percent, or nearly the amount of oil imported from Saudi Arabia each year.

Stimulates Economic Development

- Every \$1 invested in public transportation generates about \$6 in local economic activity.
- Every \$10 million in capital investment in public transportation yields \$30 million in increased sales and business activity.
- Public transportation encourages people to live in all types of communities, including downtown urban settings, thereby eliminating the need to own a car.
- Communities with public transportation attract more visitors and shoppers, and more public events, commercial business and employers.
- On average, a typical state or local government could realize a 4 percent to 16 percent increase in revenues as a result of investing in transit.

Creates Jobs

- In addition to the 375,000 people directly employed by the public transportation industry, tens of thousands of others are employed in related support services, such as engineering, manufacturing and construction.
- Every \$1 billion invested by the federal government in public transportation infrastructure supports approximately 47,500 jobs.

Meets Increasing Needs and Generates Increasing Support

- 32 million times a day, people board public transportation.
- 14 million people ride transit each workday; about 25 million use it on a regular basis.
- Public transportation ridership has increased by 23 percent since 1995, with 9.6 billion trips taken in 2004.
- Public transportation is a lifeline for millions of Americans, many of whom are elderly or on limited incomes, and who cannot drive or do not have access to an automobile.



Examples of How Public Transportation is Helping Seniors Stay Mobile and Independent

Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS); Charlotte, North Carolina

In 1989, Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) began a special route for seniors that picked them up at various locations throughout the city and took them to grocery stores and other essential destinations once or twice a week. Three years ago, the system began a series of initiatives to educate seniors about its bus service and to demonstrate how easy and convenient public transportation can be. By partnering with local churches, senior centers and community groups, CATS sponsored "demonstration rides" to shopping malls and social events for older residents. These rides are scheduled seven or eight times a year.

In addition, CATS developed a database of bus stop features that identify elements needing improvement and installed a new trip-planning system to show photographs of stops to riders. Through the Elderly General Purchase Transportation Program, CATS and the Department of Social Services funds subsidized vouchers for use on local taxis for older residents who neither live near a bus route nor are eligible for transportation assistance through human service programs. Seniors in Charlotte also pay only half fare, are guaranteed reserved seating, and have access to low-floor or "kneeling" buses for easier boarding and exiting.

In October 2005, CATS sponsored a transportation fair at a local senior-assisted living center to make residents aware of the safe, convenient and cost-efficient benefits of riding transit.

Palm Tran; Palm Beach County, Florida

Palm Tran operates "Seniors in Motion," a comprehensive public awareness and training program for seniors age 65 or older living in Palm Beach County. Many of these seniors live in remote areas and

gated communities with limited transportation options other than driving. To reach this "stranded" population, Palm Tran launched Seniors in Motion to inform older residents about its free fixed-route service and reduced fares on door-to-door service. The program also offers specialized training for those who may not know how to use public transportation or may have difficulty traveling on transit vehicles. Palm Tran conducts "travel training" seminars and presentations at seniors clubs, community centers and other senior-related facilities to familiarize older residents with the public transportation system, as well as with route planning. The agency has two full-time trainers who have taught thousands of individuals how to ride the bus and use rail services.

CityLink; Peoria, Illinois

In May 2004, CityLink launched a six-month program to reach seniors living in the outskirts of Peoria. Most of the communities are rural and have limited access to, and knowledge about, using public transportation. By partnering with two rural transit service providers, CityLink was able to expand and improve service to area supermarkets, banks, shopping plazas, medical centers and hospitals, and the airport. Since many of these seniors were unfamiliar with public transportation, CityLink mailed "free passes" included in a targeted brochure to suburban and rural seniors as an incentive to try the bus system. Discounted fares (50 cents per trip) were promoted as well.

Port Authority of Allegheny County; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

The Port Authority sponsors ACCESS, a door-to-door paratransit service for people with disabilities, qualifying seniors and clients of human service agencies. Small minivans pick up customers at their homes and take them to destinations, including fixed route bus stations. There



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are no trip purpose restrictions and virtually no capacity denials. Ridership growth has been remarkable. In 2004 alone, seniors took 6.4 million rides on the Port Authority's fixed bus routes.

The Port Authority participates in statewide free ride and shared ride programs funded by the Pennsylvania Lottery. This means that seniors ride free on all fixed route systems at nearly all times simply by showing a Medicare card or senior citizen identification card available through the Port Authority, and receive deep discounts on shared-ride service. Also, the Port Authority recently replaced half of its bus fleet with low-floor buses to make it easier for seniors to get on and off city buses.

Lane Transit District (LTD); Eugene, Oregon

Lane Transit District (LTD) operates a one-on-one training initiative called the Bus Buddy Program. The Program teaches seniors how to ride the bus in a relaxed way by breaking down barriers and building confidence. LTD recruits regular bus riders to serve as volunteers, known as Bus Buddies, and partners with local senior centers to match individual seniors with these volunteers. Bus Buddies teach seniors about the LTD transit system, as well as how to plan trips and navigate routes. Each Bus Buddy and senior then rides the bus together. Afterward, the pair discusses the trip and the Bus Buddy answers any remaining questions about using public transportation in Eugene.

In addition, seniors age 62 and older can ride LTD buses free every Tuesday, courtesy of community sponsors. Seniors schedule doctors' appointments, visits with friends, and shopping trips on Tuesdays to take advantage of this offer. This has become an extremely popular program. For individuals age 70 or older, LTD offers a "Pass for Life" card.

Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (AATA); Ann Arbor, Michigan

In 1985, Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (AATA) expanded its door-to-door service by offering seniors shared-ride taxi trips within city limits. The great majority of the more than 5,000 seniors who qualify for the service do not require dedicated vehicles with specialized equipment and drivers, making taxi-operated trips less expensive overall. More than 50,000 rides were provided in 2004.

AATA also offers a "Senior Ride Grocery Trip" service, which has been providing trips since the mid-1980s from 10 housing facilities to five area grocery stores. For some seniors, this is the only chance to get to the grocery store, and it has developed into a social club with as many as 30 seniors taking the "grocery bus," traveling and shopping together. Finally, AATA operates a "Travel Training Program," with staff visiting local senior centers, senior housing facilities and senior recreation facilities to educate residents about their programs for seniors.

Paratransit, Inc., supported by Sacramento Regional Transit System; Sacramento, California

Paratransit, Inc. operates a Mobility Training Program that offers specialized training for seniors and people with disabilities who may have difficulty traveling on Sacramento Regional Transit buses and light rail vehicles. Training is usually provided in a one-on-one setting, but is also done in small groups for facilities such as senior housing complexes. Training includes familiarization with the Sacramento Regional Transit system; route planning; use of wheelchair lifts and securement devices; landmark identification; bus rules; and safety issues. The agency has six full-time trainers who teach hundreds of individuals each year how to ride the bus and use light rail.

Corridor Transportation Corporation (CTC); Laurel, Maryland

The Corridor Transportation Corporation (CTC) has held "Afternoon Tea with CTC" events, where CTC employees have accompanied seniors on fixed routes and paratransit service to and from senior housing centers. CTC staff explains all of the CTC services and then sponsors a game of "transit bingo." Once the hour and a half program is completed, CTC staff accompanies the seniors back to their residences.

Stark Area Regional Transit Authority (SARTA); Canton/Akron/Youngstown, Ohio

Stark Area Regional Transit Authority (SARTA) has provided free rides for seniors, distributed "How To Ride SARTA" brochures as well as small promotional gifts, and sponsored informational talks around the county at senior community centers and senior housing complexes. In addition, SARTA has used



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TV and radio ads, as well as bus interior ads, to promote its senior-friendly services. In October 2005, as part of its "Seniors in Motion" Day activities, the agency held a contest to select SARTA's Senior of the Year, who received a free bus pass for one year.

Broward County Transit (BCT); Broward County, Florida

Broward County Transit (BCT) has joined with Tri-Rail to offer free rides to seniors during special events and promotions. During this year's "Seniors in Motion" Day, the agency partnered with a local hospital to offer free health screening for transit riders, and identified recreational destinations along transit routes. Since Tri-Rail is a regional commuter service and BCT is the only bus service that goes to all three counties, the agency has been promoting how seniors can travel throughout the region (the three counties of Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach) on public transit.

Metro Transit; Kalamazoo, Michigan

During Kalamazoo's "Senior Expo," which attracts 5,000 area senior citizens, the Kalamazoo City Commission helped promote public transportation by proclaiming October 6 as "Seniors in Motion Day." Metro Transit distributed free ride coupons to seniors, valid for the entire week.

Sun Tran; Tucson, Arizona

To help introduce seniors to public transportation, Sun Tran has sponsored a "Seniors Free Ride Day." Anyone age 65 or older was invited to ride any Sun Tran route all day at no charge. In addition, Sun Tran provided free trip planning services at five area senior centers to prepare its senior community to take advantage of this benefit.

San Mateo County Transit District; San Mateo, California

San Mateo County Transit hosted a "Seniors in Motion Day" event in October 2005 outside a downtown movie theater. The event included a three-piece band, refreshments and staffed information tables for older residents to learn more about the transit system. The agency provided free bus service for seniors to attend the event and enjoy an afternoon movie. During the ride on a low floor bus, transit agency staff sponsored an on-board training session about how to use and benefit from public transportation.

Valley Metro; Phoenix, Arizona

As part of its new senior transit program called "Get Transit Smart!" Valley Metro has launched a series of field trips for older riders. The program is designed to ease older Americans into the transit lifestyle by offering training workshops to help them become familiar with bus features and routes in a stress free environment. On one recent field trip, the transit agency took groups of senior citizens attending workshops from their homes to the Mesa Southwest Museum.

The Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IndyGo); Indianapolis, Indiana

Through a comprehensive class, IndyGo provides updated information about public transportation and allows residents an opportunity to ask questions. The classes offer an opportunity to interact with the community's senior population, address their questions, and explain the benefits of public transportation. Discounted bus fares are offered to persons age 65 and older. By encouraging an ongoing dialogue, IndyGo hopes to eliminate any concerns about how public transportation affects individuals, their families and communities.

Placer County Transportation Planning Agency, Lincoln Transit System; Auburn, California

October 2005 was designated "Placer Communities in Motion Month." Throughout the month, the agency showcased the vital role public transportation plays in the daily lives of older Americans and its contribution to addressing their mobility needs. Citizens age 55 and older could ride Lincoln Transit fixed-route service for free on every Wednesday in October.

Fairfax County Department of Transportation; Fairfax, Virginia

Fairfax County, VA has promoted the benefits of public transportation for its older residents by transporting low-income seniors in MATT (Mobile Assessable Travel Training), a re-fitted Fairfax Connector bus specially adapted for training seniors on using transit. During these rides, seniors are shown a host of destinations accessible to them on the Alexandria Route One corridor by the Connector bus.



New Services and Technologies That Are Making Public Transportation More Senior-Friendly

Ralph Kramden wouldn't recognize his bus today. Public transportation has gone high tech ... and millions of passengers, particularly seniors, are benefiting from the increased use of new technologies and innovative services. Thanks to cutting-edge equipment and creative ideas, using public transportation has become easier, safer, more enjoyable and more accessible.

Thousands of public transportation systems across the country currently offer a variety of ways to improve customer service both for general passengers as well as special populations such as seniors. Here are some of the new programs and advanced technologies that make public transportation easier for seniors to use.

Special Services for Special Populations

Programs for Older Passengers:

Transit providers across the country offer training programs and sponsor events to make seniors aware of - and comfortable with - the specialized services. Most systems offer discounted rides and discount passes. Some transit systems have initiated outreach programs at local senior centers, guided tours, contests, and free rides to social outings and senior-friendly destinations. Also, public transportation employees are being trained to provide special attention to the needs of older passengers.

Paratransit: Many public transportation systems offer door-to-door service for qualifying seniors, persons with disabilities, and clients of social services agencies. Small minivans pick up customers at their homes and take them to a variety of destinations that could include fixed route bus stations from which they can access complete public transportation systems.

Programs for Hard-to-Reach

Passengers: Some public transportation systems participate in programs that provide subsidized vouchers for use on local taxis for older and low-income residents who do not live near a bus route, and who are not eligible for transportation assistance through a human services agency.

Rider Reward Programs: Much like a discount card at a supermarket or retail store, smart cards allow transit systems to know which passengers travel most frequently and on which routes. Some public transportation agencies are using this information to offer rider reward programs that give frequent riders cash or free transit tickets. In the future, this technology could allow businesses to offer special discounts to those riders who travel on routes near retail stores.

Easy-to-Use, Easy-to-Access Equipment

Speaking Signs and Vehicles: Many transit systems are equipping buses and trains with technologies that communicate with passengers who may be unfamiliar with a route or have difficulty reading. These include "speaking" systems that audibly communicate route and stop information, street names, landmarks, and popular businesses and government service agencies.

Kneeling Buses: Bus manufacturers are installing lifts, ramps and "kneeling" hydraulics at bus doors to make getting on and off easier and safer for seniors and persons with disabilities. Virtually all buses and the majority of rail cars are accessible by wheelchair. Additionally, many buses are low floor - so there is no need to step up into the bus.



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Passenger Information Technology: New information technologies can alert passengers by e-mail or cell phone when the next bus or train is coming, and provide real-time updates on its location and wait time. Yet another resource is “511,” the three-digit telephone number that provides a gateway for multimodal transportation information. In addition, some transit agencies are installing interactive information Kiosks from which passengers can access specific real-time information and news. These services not only help riders plan the most efficient use of bus and/or rail routes, but also make transit more convenient and reassuring for older passengers who may be unfamiliar with a system or who cannot stand for long periods of time.

Smart Cards: Advances in chip-based smart card technology allow passengers to pay their fare electronically, pass through turnstiles without waiting in line, and store fare and discount information.

Security and Safety

Security at Stations and Stops: A new generation of sophisticated technologies has raised transit system security to even higher levels. Software-enhanced surveillance systems continuously detect suspicious activities or problems - such as unattended items, rapid movements, sudden changes in light and sound, and medical emergencies - and this information is automatically relayed to personnel in the operations control center. In addition, some systems have introduced chemical and biological detection systems.

Security on Vehicles: On-board wireless surveillance allows real-time images to be transmitted to police or medical personnel. Automatic vehicle location systems make it easy to locate any transit vehicle in an emergency.

Safety: Collision avoidance technology have been used for years on aircraft, and now it is being introduced on buses and trains to increase passengers' safety and peace of mind.

Comfort and Convenience

Bus and Train Seats: Transit vehicle manufacturers are using new designs and materials to make seats more comfortable, easier to get in and out of, and impervious to dirt and stains.

Wi-Fi Capability: On-board wireless Internet on some buses and trains allows passengers with wireless-equipped laptops and hand-held devices to read, shop and communicate by e-mail. Transit vehicles that serve as rolling Internet cafés can provide added assurance to seniors who want the security of staying in constant touch with family, friends and caretakers.

Bus Shelters: Newly-designed bus shelters provide improved protection from the elements, are easier to keep clean, and are resistant to vandalism. Some even offer such conveniences as wireless connection, comfortable seating, and heat and air conditioning.

News and Entertainment Systems: In some transit systems, passengers are entertained by television and radio that deliver daily news from the market's top TV stations on multiple flat screen televisions, along with various channels of wireless audio available on any FM radio. In the future, some buses and trains will be equipped with on-board LCD screens and a variety of personal entertainment choices.



RESOLUTION ON EXPANDING MOBILITY OPTIONS FOR OLDER AMERICANS

(Approved by the APTA Executive Committee on September 24, 2005)

Whereas, the number of Americans age 65 and older will double by 2030 and one in five citizens will be age 65 or older;

Whereas, 21 percent of Americans age 65 or older do not drive, and one-half of all American households and two-thirds of households in rural areas do not have access to adequate transportation options;

Whereas, older non-drivers make 15 percent fewer trips to the doctor and 65 percent fewer trips for social, family and religious activities compared to older drivers;

Whereas, the ability of older Americans to continue to be independent and contribute to society requires that they have access to mobility options;

Whereas, public transportation systems around the country are working to broaden and improve service to meet the growing needs of seniors and to help them age in their communities and continue to access employment opportunities;

Whereas, there are many challenges to expand older Americans' mobility options, including inadequate investment in public transportation, lack of coordination with various transportation providers and funding sources and lack of coordinated community planning;

Whereas, the White House Conference on Aging, which convenes every 10 years, will be held in December 2005, and is an opportunity to put forth major policy initiatives for older Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the American Public Transportation Association calls on the delegates of the White House Conference on Aging to urge the federal government to make expansion of mobility options for seniors a national priority;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the delegates call on Congress and the federal government to increase funding for expanded public transportation options;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the delegates call on Congress and the federal government to coordinate the 62 federal programs that support public transportation and human service transportation at the local level;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the delegates support incentives for state and local officials to design and develop communities that enable older citizens to "age in place" within their own neighborhood with easy access by public transportation to recreation, shopping and medical facilities and to family, friends and social networks.