

Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas Tri-County Access Plan.

New federal legislation requires that all urbanized areas develop a coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan that:

- Identifies transportation needs of older adults, persons with disabilities, and individuals with lower incomes;**
- Inventories existing transportation services available for these group;**
- Identifies gaps and overlaps in existing services; and**
- Develops strategies to address the gaps and overlaps.**

This plan is necessary for an area to receive funds under the New Freedom Program, the Jobs Access/Reverse Commute (JARC) Program, and the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program. Together, the three programs provide limited grants for expanding public transit and other transportation services, buying vehicles, improving access to information and services, and other efforts. In order to involve the many stakeholders interested in transportation needs and services of older adults, persons with disabilities, and individuals with lower incomes in the development of the coordinated plan, a series of workshops will be

held to obtain input on transportation needs, service gaps and overlaps, and solutions to address the gaps and overlaps.

The Locally Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas County will be produced through a partnership of the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in each county.

Additional information and technical documents and on the planning process, and the grant application for the Tri-County Access Plan can be found at the following link:

<http://www.pinellascounty.org/mpo/tricounty.htm>