

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COUNCIL

The paratransit picture....



WHAT IS THIS THING WE CALL PARATRANSIT?

- ADA Complementary Paratransit Service
 - Requirement of American with Disabilities Act of 1990
 - Paratransit functions as a "safety net" for people with disabilities who are unable to make use of the fixed-route transit system. (*From FTA website*)
 - Service Characteristics
 - Provided within 3/4 mile of local fixed route service
 - Service levels comparable to bus service
 - Eligibility, capacity, trip scheduling requirements, fares

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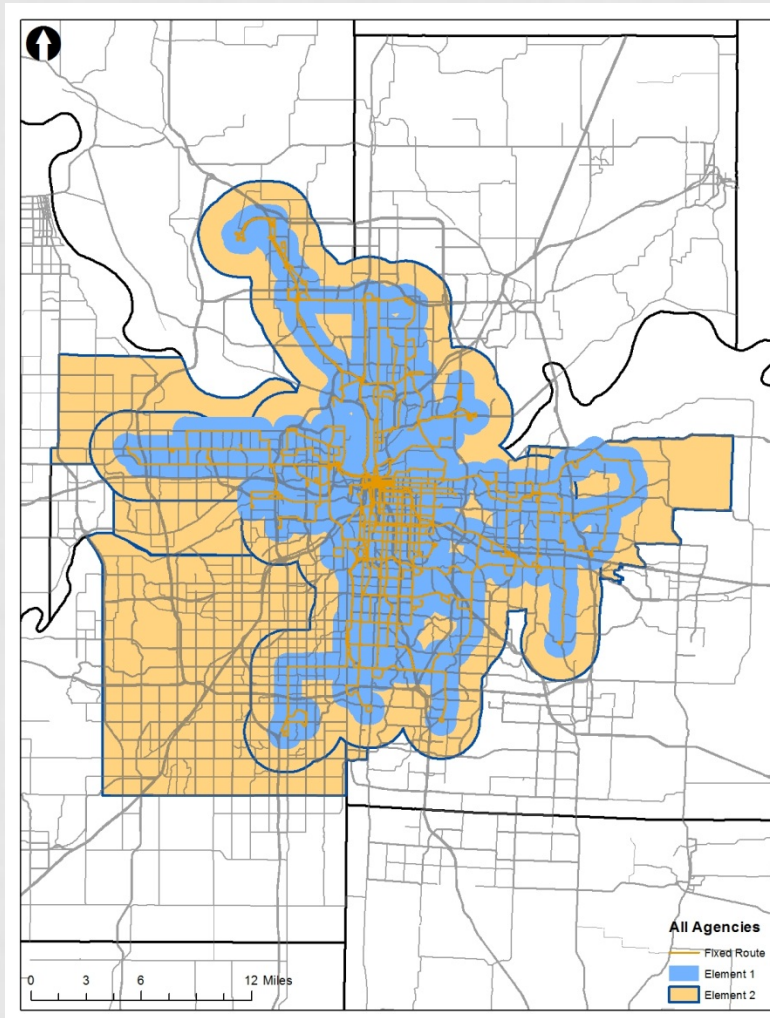
- Non-ADA Service
 - Not required by law
 - Each transit agency sets its own fares, eligibility process, service hours, service areas, etc.
- Other Publicly & Privately Funded Services
 - Not required by law
 - Smaller operations with varying fares, eligibility processes, service hours, service areas, etc.
 - Wide range of funding sources



WHO PROVIDES THESE SERVICES?

Public Transit Agencies		Municipal, Private For-profit & Non Profit
Element I	Element II	Element III
ADA Complimentary	Non-ADA Service	Other Publicly & Privately Funded Services
KCATA	KCATA	City of Olathe
Unified Gvt. Transit	Unified Gvt. Transit	OATS, Inc.
City of Independence	City of Independence	Clay County Board of Senior Services
	Johnson Co. Transit	Etc.

WHERE ARE SERVICES PROVIDED?



OUR FOCUS: SERVICES PROVIDED BY TRANSIT PROVIDERS



- KCATA
- Unified Government
- Independence
- Johnson County

SO HOW DOES THIS ALL WORK?

- Information Dispersal

- **Q:** Who do I call for service? **A:** Well, it depends...
- **Q:** When can I ride? **A:** Well, it depends....
- **Q:** How much is the fare? **A:** Well.....

- Eligibility Requirements

Q: What do I need to do? **A:** (See Above)

- Regional Trip Provision

- Is there a way to provide service in a more effective, efficient manner

SERVICE INFORMATION

	KCATA	IndeAccess	UG	JOCO
Annual Trips	268,574	13,000	8,400	105,469
Service Type	ADA / Non-ADA	ADA / Non-ADA	AD/Non-ADA	Non-ADA
Managed By:	Some Contracted	Contracted	Some Contracted	Contracted
Reservations Hours	M-F 7a - 4:45p Sat-Sun 8a - 4:30p	M-F 7a - 3p	M-F 7a - 4p	M-F 8a - 5p
Service Hours	Non-ADA, 6a - 12 a ADA = <i>fixed route</i>	M-F, 6:05a - 6:05p Sat. 9:05 a - 6:05p	M-F 7:30a-7:45p	M-F 6a - 6p
Fleet Size	70	4	4	36 and taxis

TAKE AWAY POINTS

- Many people are dependent upon paratransit
 - 14,625 registered users among 4 providers
 - But it's hard to travel regionally, especially on the weekends
 - Critical link to jobs and services
- RTCC opportunities to improve / explore.....FUND
 - Better coordination among service providers
 - Explore opportunities to streamline service information outlets
 - Regional service provision / hours of operation
 - We're in this for the long haul...process modifications will require study, deliberation, and public input. Not a quick win...

QUESTIONS?

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