

Richland County

Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan

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Executive Summary

This plan is the Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan for Richland County, Ohio. The Plan was initially developed in 2007 and updated in 2012, 2017, 2021, and 2024. This plan fulfills the requirements of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

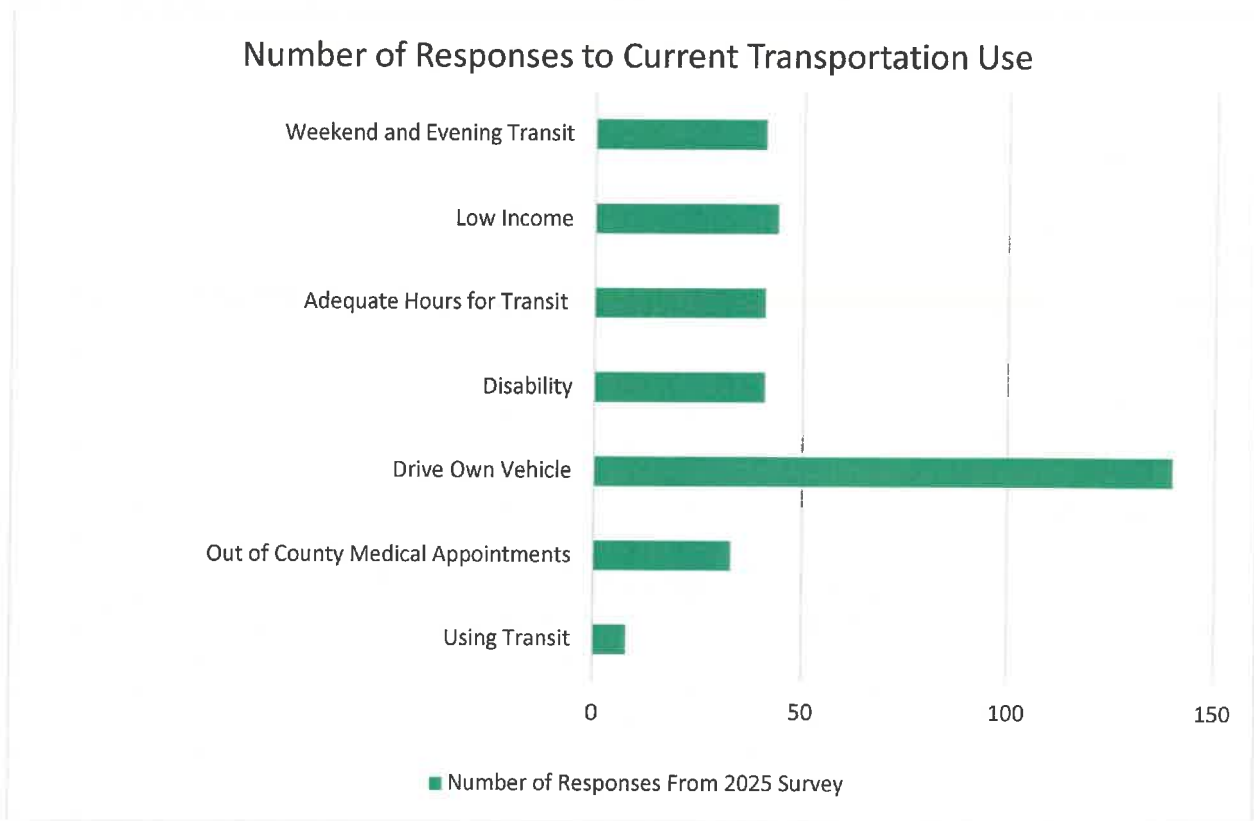
Transportation is a critical component of the communities in Richland County. Transportation provides access to jobs, education, health care, and human services, and allows all community members, including older adults and people with disabilities, to live independently and engage in community life. It is the purpose of this plan for local stakeholders to work collaboratively to identify community resources and prioritize transportation needs.

Community Resources

Agency	Service Area
Adult Parole Authority	Richland, Knox, Morrow, Marion, Ashland, Coshocton, Huron & Holmes Counties
Catalyst Life Services	Ashland, Crawford, Richland Counties
Catholic Charities	Richland County
Community Action of Capable Youth	Richland County
CHAP Community Health Access Project	Richland County
Family Life Counseling	Richland & Surrounding Counties
Friendly House	Richland County
Goodwill	Richland County
Independent Living Center of North Central Ohio, Inc.	Richland County
Mansfield Area Y	Richland County
Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center	Richland County
Mid-Ohio Youth Mentoring	Richland County
New Beginnings Recovery Services (Catalyst)	
North Central State College	Richland County
North End Community Improvement Collaborative	Richland County
Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging	Richland County
Ohio Heartland Community Action Commission	Richland, Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Morrow, Marion, Seneca, & Wyandot Counties
Ohio Means Jobs	Richland County
Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission	Richland County
Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities	Richland County
Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities	Richland County
Richland County Children Services	Richland County
Richland County Department of Job & Family Services	Richland County
Richland County Transit	Richland County
Richland County Veterans Services Administration	Richland County
Richland Newhope Industries (RNI)	Richland County
The Salvation Army	Richland & Surrounding Counties
Third Street Family Health Services	Richland County
UMADAOP Community Outreach Center	Richland, Ashland, Crawford, Marion, & Surrounding Counties
Wayfinders	Richland County
First Call 211	Richland County

Community Transportation Survey

2025 Public Input Survey – Transportation



1. A survey was conducted in the Spring of 2025 to learn the modes of transportation and needs of persons who are disabled, elderly and otherwise transportation disadvantaged. A total of 164 persons participated in the survey, with 115 being Seniors over the age of 65. Outline strategies for meeting needs and prioritizing transportation services for funding and implementation.

Elements required of the Plan include, but are not limited to:

- An assessment of available services that identifies current transportation providers (public, private, and non-profit). A reassessment of the transportation providers has been done by surveys and meetings during the spring of 2025.
- An assessment of transportation needs for individuals with disabilities, older adults, people with low incomes, and anyone else that is transportation disadvantaged.
- Strategies, activities, and/or projects to address the identified gaps between current services and needs, as well as opportunities to achieve efficiencies in service delivery.
- Priorities for implementation based on resources (from multiple program sources), time, and feasibility for implementing specific strategies and/or activities identified.

Fundamental to the Coordinated Transportation Plan process is the active and meaningful involvement of stakeholders. For projects selected for funding under the Section 5310 program, participation in planning activities must include participation and/or representation of the following, at minimum:

- Seniors;
- Individuals with disabilities;
- People with low incomes;
- Public, private and non-profit transportation providers;
- Human services providers, and;
- The general public.
- Legislative representatives

In order to ensure participation from the above groups the following stakeholder involvement activities were performed

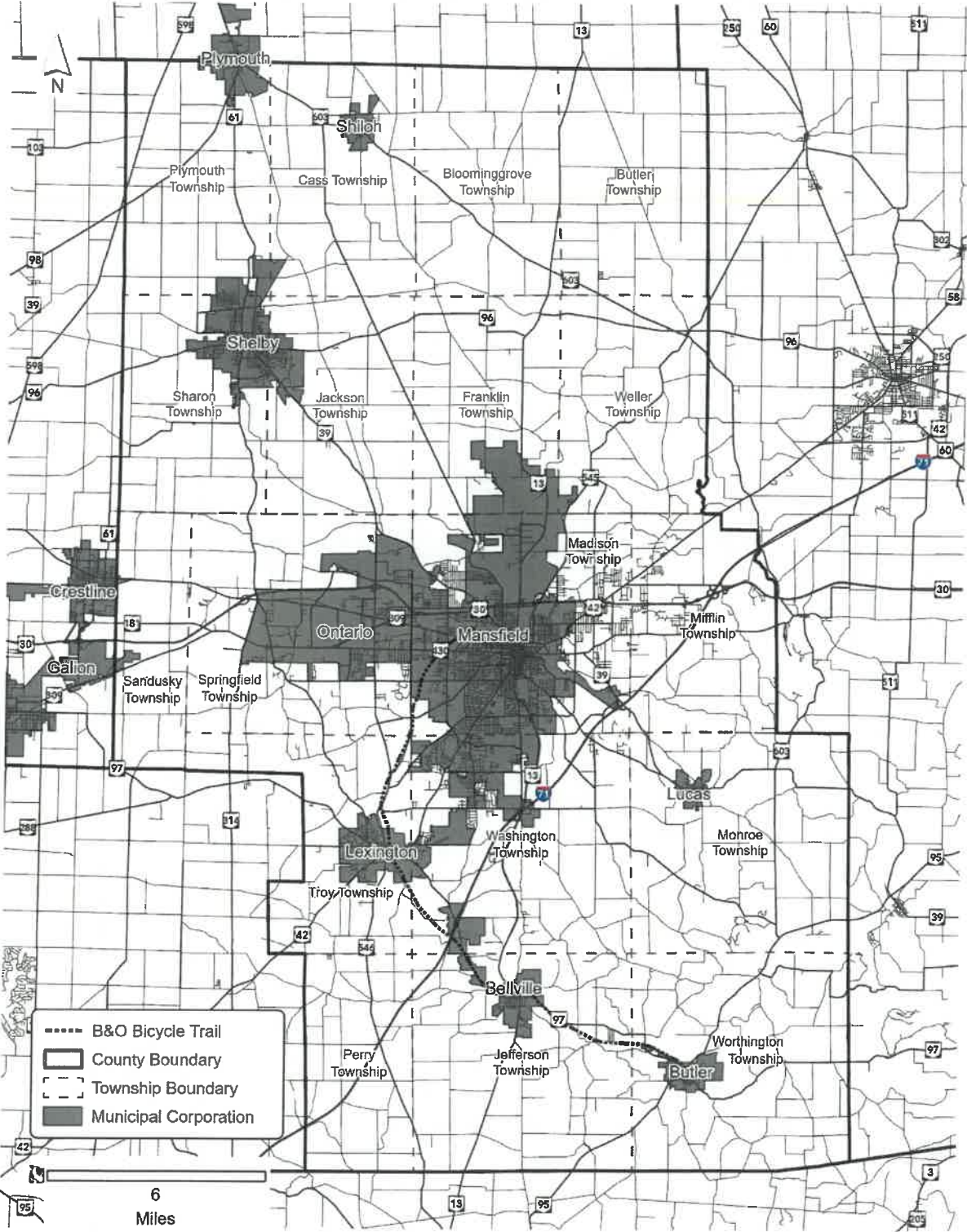
- Public Meetings
- Committee Meetings
- Private Meetings
- Surveys

This plan was developed and adopted by the planning committee of the Richland Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC). More information about the planning committee can be found in Appendix A.

I. Geographic Area

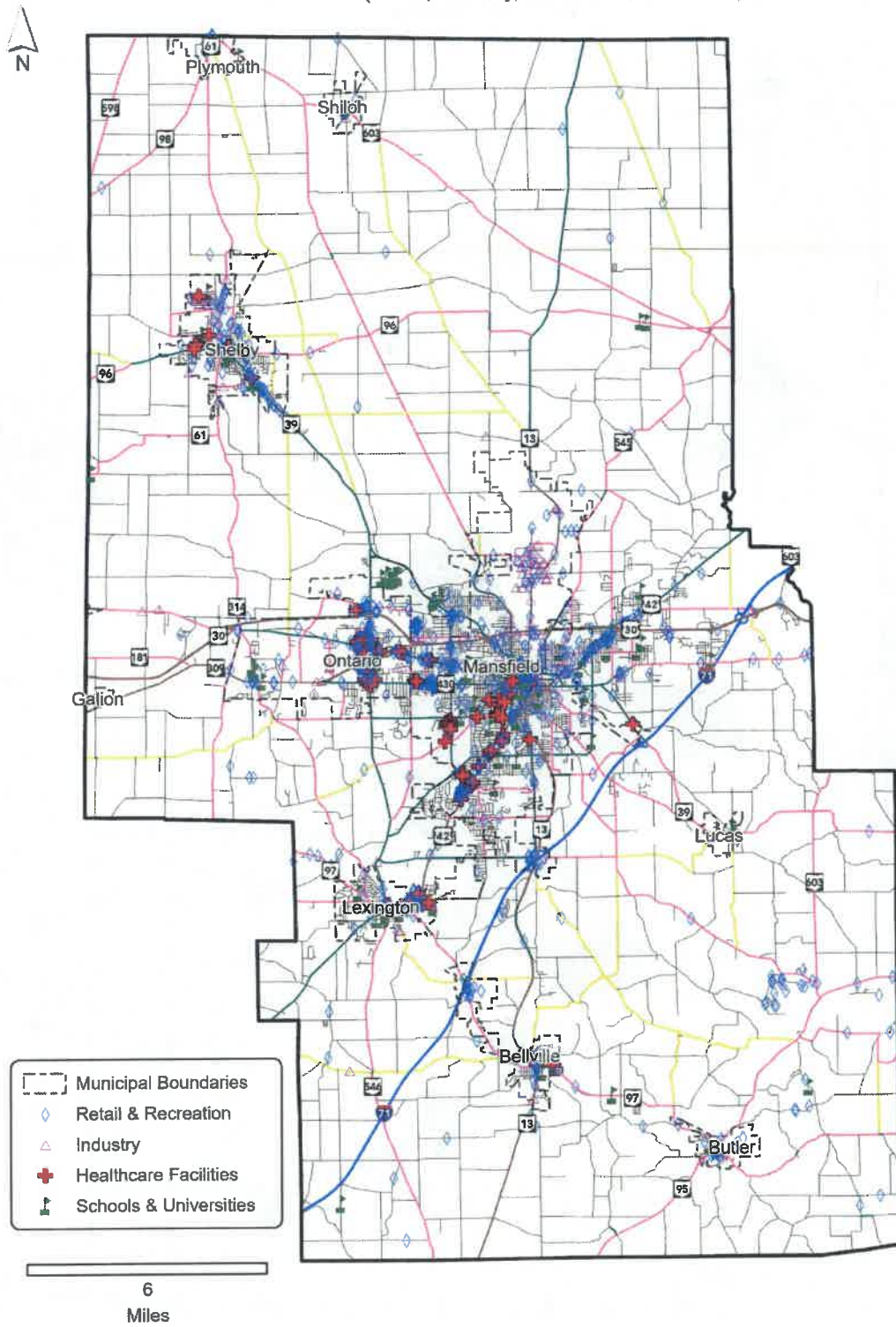
Map 1: Richland County Reference Location

Richland County



Map 2: Major Trip Generators

Richland County Trip Generators (Retail, Industry, Healthcare, Education)



II. Population Demographics

This section presents a basic socio-economic and demographic profile of Richland County and those subgroups most affected by this plan, including persons with disabilities, low income, and elderly.

POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHICS

It is important to gain an understanding of where the potential users of public transit and human transportation services reside and where their primary destinations are located. This section includes a description of Richland County’s population, demographics and trip generators.

POPULATION

According to the 2024 Census calculations, the total population of Richland County was 124,853 people. This is a .10 percent decrease of population from 2020, which was 124,936. While in the past, county estimates and projections showed an increase in population by 2030, current data projects the opposite. The County’s population is projected to decrease slightly over the next three decades. The U.S. Census Bureau projects the County’s 2050 population at 113,496, which is a decrease of 9.16% from the 2020 population of 124,936. Table 1 illustrates the historic and projected population trends for Richland County through the year 2050.

TABLE 1: HISTORIC AND PROJECTED POPULATION FOR RICHLAND COUNTY 2000-2050

Data Source: Census 2000, 2010, 2020 and Ohio Development Services Agency

Year	Richland County
2010 Population	124,475
2020 Population	124,936
2025 Projected Population	124,044
2030 Projected Population	122,648
2035 Projected Population	120,258
2040 Projected Population	117,728
2045 Projected Population	115,313
2050 Projected Population	113,496

TABLE 2: TOTAL POPULATION BY AGE GROUP

2024 ACS 1 Year Estimate	Richland County, Ohio Total Estimate
Total population	124,853
AGE	
Under 5 years	6,992
Under 18 years	27,094
65 years and older	25,594

Data Source: 2024 ACS 1 Year Estimates Table S0101

Geography	2020		2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
		Estimates Base						
Bellville village, Ohio	1,963	1,963	1,949	1,927	1,889	1,850	1,812	1,783
Butler village, Ohio	941	941	941	924	906	886	868	855
Lexington village, Ohio	4,848	4,848	4,813	4,759	4,666	4,568	4,474	4,404
Lucas village, Ohio	589	589	584	578	566	554	543	535
Mansfield city, Ohio	47,534	47,534	47,195	46,664	45,755	44,792	43,873	43,182
Ontario city, Ohio	6,656	6,656	6,609	6,535	6,407	6,273	6,144	6,047
Shelby city, Ohio	9,282	9,282	9,215	9,112	8,934	8,746	8,567	8,432
Shiloh village, Ohio	619	619	614	607	595	583	571	562

TABLE 2.1: POPULATION OF RICHLAND COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES

DATA SOURCE: 2020 P1 DECENNIAL CENSUS & OHIO DEPT. OF DEVELOPMENT COUNTY POPULATION PROJECTIONS

TABLE 3: TOTAL POPULATION BY RACE

DATA SOURCE: 2024: DEC

	Estimate
Total:	124,853
White alone	107,998
Black or African American alone	12,110
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	250
Asian alone	1,124
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	125
Two or more races:	3,246

TABLE 4: NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Data Source: 2022 ACS 5 Year Estimates Table S1810

- Disabled is "...an umbrella term for impairments, activity limitations, and participation restrictions." (See WHO (2001)) A person may have more than one disabling factor and as such, the numbers contained on the following chart do not sum to 100%.

Subject	Richland County, Ohio			
	Total		With a disability	Percent with a disability
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Estimate
Total civilian noninstitutionalized population	117,887	+/-383	18,962	16%
SEX				
Male	58,304	+/-369	9,208	15.8%
Female	59,583	+/-260	9,754	16.2%
AGE				
Under 5 years	6,852	+/-120	N/A	N/A
5 to 17 years	19,389	+/-280	1,540	7.7%
18 to 34 years	24,074	+/-362	2,118	8.8%
35 to 64 years	44,036	+/-383	7,529	17.1%
65 and older	23,536	+/-143	3,621	26.8%
DISABILITY TYPE				
With a hearing difficulty			5,361	4.5%
With a vision difficulty			3,363	2.8%
With a cognitive difficulty			7,618	6.8%
With an ambulatory difficulty			9,112	8.2%
With self-care difficulty			3,920	3.5%
With an independent living difficulty			6,511	7.1%

TABLE 5: NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE LIVING IN A HOUSEHOLD WITH INCOME BELOW THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL

Data Source: 2022 ACS 5 Year Estimates Table S1701

- The Federal Poverty Level is defined as a household income of \$13,590 for 1 person, \$18,310 for two people, \$23,030 for three people and \$27,750 for 4 people. Each successive person in the household increases this amount.

Subject	Richland County, Ohio		
	Total	Below poverty level	Percent below poverty level
	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
Population for whom poverty status is determined	117,911	17,898	15.2%
AGE			
Under 5 years	6,787	1,595	23.5%
5 to 17 years	19,270	3,882	20.01%
18 to 34 years	25,258	3,147	12.5%
35 to 64 years	42,564	6,358	14.9%
65 years and over	24,032	2,916	12.1%
SEX			
Male	58,851	7,845	13.3%
Female	59,060	10,053	17%
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN			
White alone	102,499	15,491	15.1%
Black or African American alone	7,515	2,464	32.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	65	17	26.2%
Asian alone	866	74	8.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	157	8	5.1%
Some other race alone	872	146	16.7%
Two or more races	5,367	1,508	28.1%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT			
Population 25 years and over	81,628	10,753	13.2%
Less than high school graduate	6,714	3,366	35.4%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	35,811	5,159	14.4%
Some college, associate's degree	23,766	2,827	11.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	15,337	387	2.5%

TABLE 6: NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF INDIVIDUALS WITH INCOME BELOW THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL

Data Source: 2022 ACS 5 Year Estimates Table S1701

Subject	Total	Below poverty level	Percent below poverty level
	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
Population for whom poverty status is determined	117,911	17,898	15.2%
AGE			
Under 18 years	26,057	5,477	21%
Under 5 years	6,787	1,595	23.5%
5 to 17 years	19,270	3,882	20.1%
Related children of householders under 18 years	25,964	5,384	20.7%
18 to 64 years	67,822	9,505	14%
18 to 34 years	25,258	3,147	12.5%
35 to 64 years	42,564	6,358	14.9%
60 years and over	32,709	4,370	13.4%
65 years and over	24,032	2,916	12.1%
SEX			
Male	58,851	7,845	13.3%
Female	59,060	10,053	17%

Table 7: Percent of population that speak English “Less than very well”

Data Source: 2022 ACS 5 Year Estimates Table B16005

- “Less than very well” generally means at a level that is not considered “fluent” in the language. This statistic is a self-defined and reported item on the ACS

2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates	
Richland County, Ohio	
Estimate	
Total:	117,911
Native:	115,832
Speak only English	112,437
Speak Spanish:	1,257
Speak English less than "very well"	143
Speak other Indo-European languages:	1,884
Speak English less than "very well"	1,374
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages:	107
Speak English less than "very well"	70
Speak other languages:	147
Speak English less than "very well"	0
Foreign born:	2,060
Speak Spanish:	217
Speak English less than "very well"	15
Speak other Indo-European languages:	842
Speak English less than "very well"	63
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages:	273
Speak English less than "very well"	37
Speak other languages:	197
Speak English less than "very well"	0

III. Assessment of Available Services

Conducting an evaluation of service provider capabilities and analyzing the existing gaps and duplications of services for transportation resources in each community, provides transportation planners with the information needed to implement changes that will improve the network of transportation resources and services in Richland County and across county lines.

The lead agency identified stakeholders to participate in the assessment of available services. These stakeholders included those who were represented in the current or past planning committees, as well as others who the planning committee identified as being appropriate stakeholders. Interviews were conducted with each of the identified stakeholders. The purpose of the interview was to offer the stakeholders an opportunity to discuss the specific transportation services, gaps, needs, and priorities for their respective service areas or communities. When applicable, information reported in the previous coordinated plan was used to supplement information gathered during this planning effort.

Inventory of Transportation Providers

A comprehensive survey was conducted of sixty-five (65) different entities and agencies in the Richland County area to gain information on existing transportation programs and services.

Existing Transportation Services

The following information is based on interview results and requested information through in person contact and email correspondence. When applicable, information reported in the previous coordinated plan was used to supplement information gathered during this planning effort. This list includes human services organizations as well as local private transportation companies.

List of Transportation Service Providers

TRANSPORTATION SERVICE PROVIDERS

Agency Name: Friendly House

Address: 380 North Mulberry Street Mansfield, Ohio 44902

Services: Community center that provides crime prevention, recreation, education, health/fitness, camping and day care programs

Transportation Services provided: transportation to select Mansfield City Schools is provided for after school program

Transportation Service Type: N/A

Eligibility Requirements: must be enrolled

Hours: 6:30 AM - 9:00 PM, weekdays

General Service Area: Richland County

Contact Information: Terry Conard; 419-522-0521

Website/email: www.friendlyhouseonline.com / contact@friendlyhouseonline.com

Agency Name: Mansfield Area Y
Address: 750 Scholl Road Mansfield, Ohio 44907
Services: Provides recreation and day care services
Transportation Services provided: provided by Y staff using Y-owned vehicles.
Transportation Service Type: N/A
Eligibility Requirements: Member
Hours: Mon thru Thurs 4:00 AM to 11:00 PM, Fri 4:00 AM to 9:00 PM, Sat 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Sun 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area
Contact Information: James Twedt; 419-522-3511
Website/email: <http://www.mansfieldy.org> / jtwdet@ymcanco.org

Agency Name: Ohio Heartland Community Action Commission (Head Start)
Services: operates Head Start, a federally funded preschool program for low-income families.
Transportation Services provided: Busing to school
Transportation Service Type: N/A
Eligibility Requirements: low-income qualified, enrolled in the school
Hours: varies
General Service Area: Richland, Marion, Morrow and Crawford Counties:
Contact Information: 419-589-3337
Website/email: <http://www.ohcac.org>

Agency Name: Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Address: 314 Cleveland Avenue Mansfield, Ohio 44902
Services: Works with individuals, families, guardians & caregivers to help develop a plan unique to each individual.
Transportation Services provided: Connecting individuals to transportation options
Transportation Service Type: referrals
Eligibility Requirements: Persons with a Disability
Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM weekdays
General Service Area: Richland County
Contact Information: Michele Giess 419-774-4200
Website/email: rnewhope.org / mgiess@rnewhope.org

Agency Name: UMADAOP Community Outreach Center
Address: 215 Trimble Road Mansfield, Ohio 44906
Services: Provides transportation for kids in sponsored programs
Transportation Services provided: Bus
Transportation Service Type: Bus
Eligibility Requirements: Enrolled
Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM weekdays
General Service Area: Richland County
Contact Information: Dennis Baker 567-307-7299
Website/email: www.mansfieldumadaop.com / umadaopdab1@neo.rr.com

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Agency Name: Adult Parole Authority – Richland Office
Address: 38 South Park Street Suite A Mansfield, Ohio 44902
Services: Provides supervision of felony offenders
Transportation Services provided: Internal, purchases transit tickets
Transportation Service Type: Closed Door
Eligibility Requirements: Internal
Hours: Mon – Fri 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
General Service Area: Richland, Knox, Morrow, Marion, Ashland, Coshocton, Huron and Holmes Counties
Contact Information: Richard Schmidt; 419-522-2441
Website/email: <https://drc.ohio.gov/parole/> / richard.schmidt@drc.state.oh.us

Agency Name: Catalyst Life Services
Address: 741 School Road Mansfield, Ohio 44907
Services: Provides residential and outpatient mental health, alcohol and drug counseling services.
Transportation Services provided: Transportation is provided for residential clients through the purchase of bus passes and by staff using an agency-owned vehicle.
Transportation Service Type: door-to-door
Eligibility Requirements: Catalyst client, WIOA eligible,
Hours: 7:00 am - 6pm M-Th and 7am – 5pm F
General Service Area: Richland County
Contact Information: Laura Montgomery 419-756-1717
Website/email: www.catalystlifeservices.org / laura@catalystlifeservices.org

Agency Name: Catholic Charities
Address: 2 Smith Avenue Mansfield, Ohio 44905
Services: food pantry, prescription assistance, housing programs, financial counseling, adult advocacy, jail/prison ministry, bereavement ministry, Project Rachel, Respect Life, adoption/pregnancy support services and disaster response
Transportation Services provided: purchases passes for fixed route transit service
Transportation Service Type: taxi, ambulette and gas vouchers
Eligibility Requirements: Client must be in a qualified Medicaid program
Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday 9:30 AM -3:15 PM
General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area
Contact Information: Brian Hunt; 419-524-0733
Website/email: www.catholiccharitiesnwo.org / bhunt@toledodiocese.org

Agency Name: CHAP Community Health Access Project
Address: 1 Marion Avenue Suite 304 Mansfield, Ohio 44903
Services: to eliminate health and social disparities in communities by finding those at risk, connecting them to care and measuring outcomes.
Transportation Services provided: purchasing bus passes or taxi rides for those without transportation.
Transportation Service Type: door-to-door
Eligibility Requirements: individuals who are high risk of homelessness, chronic diseases, poverty, etc. to connect them with means of transportation to jobs, training, schooling, medical appointments, etc.
Hours: weekdays, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
General Service Area: Crawford, Knox and Richland Counties
Contact Information: Brice Eyerly 419-526-2427
Website/email: <http://www.chap-ohio.com> / director@chaphub.org

Agency Name: Family Life Counseling
Address: 151 Marion Avenue Mansfield, Ohio 44903
Services: counseling services for Richland County residents
Transportation Services provided: purchases tickets and passes for fixed rote transit service
Transportation Service Type: N/A
Eligibility Requirements: must be client
Hours: M-Th: 9AM-7PM, F: 9AM-5PM
General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area
Contact Information: 419-774-9969
Website/email: <http://www.flcps.com>

Agency Name: Goodwill
Services: Provides fees for transportation
Eligibility Requirement: N/A
Hours: Vary
General Service Area: All over Ohio
Contact Information: 800-989-8428
Website: <https://goodwillakron.org/>

Agency Name: Independent Living Center of North Central Ohio, Inc.
Address: 6 West Third Street Mansfield, Ohio 44902
Services: Non-residential agency working with and for individuals with disabilities through advocacy, peer mentoring, educational and recreational programs.
Transportation Services provided: purchase of passes from transit agencies and mileage reimbursement from client friends and families.
Transportation Service Type: door-to-door
Eligibility Requirements: client
Hours: varies
General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area
Contact Information: Pam Drake; 419-526-6770
Website/email: <https://ilcnco.org> / pdrake@ilcnco.org

Agency Name: Mansfield Richland County Public Library, First Call 211
Address: 43 West Third Street Mansfield, Ohio 44902
Services: 24/7/365 information and referral service
Transportation Services provided: Provides referrals and contact information for transportation services
Transportation Service Type: N/A
Eligibility Requirements: None
Hours: 24/7/365 by phone, walk in lobby hours 9:00AM–4:00PM, Monday-Friday
General Service Area: Richland County
Contact Information: 419-522-4636 Richland 211 service; Administrative: Terry Carter, 211 Coordinator, 419-525-2193
Website/email: www.mrcpl.org/services/first-call-211/ / tcarter@mrcpl.org

Agency Name: Mid-Ohio Youth Mentoring
Address: 380 North Mulberry Street Mansfield, Ohio 44902
Services: Youth Mentoring
Transportation Services provided: Bus passes provided in special circumstances
Transportation Service Type: N/A
Eligibility Requirements: Client
Hours: varies
General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area
Contact Information: Jim Nicholson 419-525-4618
Website/email: www.midohioyouthmentoring.com / jim@midohioyouthmentoring.com

Agency Name: North End Community Improvement Collaborative (NECIC)
Address: 134 North Main Street Mansfield, Ohio 44902
Services: Economic Development, Staffing, Elder Program, MBAC
Transportation Services provided: Organization owned Van, not wheelchair accessible
Transportation Service Type: Rides to Polls for North End Residents
Eligibility Requirements: Northend residents; must be looking for a job, senior citizen or election day voting needs
Hours: 8:00AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday
General Service Area: Richland County
Contact Information: Tionna Perdue; 419-522-1611
Website/email: <http://www.necic-ohio.org>

Agency Name: North Central State College
Address: 2441 Kenwood Circle Mansfield, Ohio 44906
Services: State College
Transportation Services provided: Partners with Richland County Transit to transport students across Mansfield, Ontario and portions of Madison twp.
Transportation Service Type: N/A
Eligibility Requirements: must be enrolled
Hours: varies
General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area
Contact Information: Lori McKee 419-755-4828
Website/email: <http://www.ncstatecollege.edu> / lmckee@ncstatecollege.edu

Agency Name: Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging
Services: Provides funding to consumers and other agencies servicing persons over 60 years of age for transportation, health care, nutrition, information, and referral services.
Transportation Services provided: Contract with local transportation providers for medical and grocery trips
Transportation Service Type: Medical/Grocery trips
Eligibility Requirements: Ages 60 or over
Hours: varies
General Service Area: Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca and Wyandot Counties. Transportation just for inside Richland County.
Contact Information: Michelle Bailey; 419-524-4144
Website/email: <http://www.aaa5ohio.org> / mlbailey@aaa5ohio.org

Agency Name: Ohio Means Jobs
Address: 183 Park Avenue East Mansfield, Ohio 44902
Services: Job Agency
Transportation Services provided: Provides gas card or an RCT pass for transportation to new employment for clients
Transportation Service Type: N/A
Eligibility Requirements: Assisted with new job
Hours: 8:00AM-3:30PM Monday through Friday
General Service Area: Richland County
Contact Information: Heather Mosley 419-774-5300
Website/email: www.ohiomeansjobs.ohio.gov

Agency Name: Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities
Address: 800 Park Avenue West Suite 105 Mansfield, Ohio 44903
Services: state agency that provides counseling, vocational rehabilitation, job training and placement
Transportation Services provided: purchases public transit tickets and passes
Transportation Service Type: N/A
Eligibility Requirements: Client
Hours: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM weekdays
General Service Area: Ashland, Crawford, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca, Wyandot Counties
Contact Information: Helen McNamara 419-747-3000
Website/email: <https://ood.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/ood/> helen.mcnamara@ood.org

Agency Name: Richland County Children Services
Address: 731 Scholl Road Mansfield, Ohio 44907
Services: variety of social services for young people
Transportation Services provided: provider uses a variety of means including agency staff/vehicles, volunteers, gas vouchers, and purchase of transit passes and tickets.
Transportation Service Type:
Eligibility Requirements:
Hours: varies
General Service Area: Richland County
Contact Information: 419-774-4100
Website/email: www.richlandcountychildrenservices.org / info@richlandcountychildrenservices.org

Agency Name: Richland County Department of Job & Family Services
Services: eligibility for public assistance programs, social services and job search/job training services
Transportation Services provided: non-emergency transportations services for Medicaid recipients attending local or out of county Medicaid medical appointments
Transportation Service Type: non-emergency medical appointments
Eligibility Requirements: Medicaid recipient
Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, weekdays
General Service Area: Richland County
Contact Information: Cindy Schunatz; 419-774-5430
Website/email: www.rcjfs.net / cindy.schunatz@jfs.ohio.gov
Richland-Transportation@jfs.ohio.gov

Agency Name: Richland County Veteran Service Commission
Address: 597 Park Avenue East Mansfield, Ohio 44905
Services: provide counseling, health care, income assistance and transportation services for military veterans
Transportation Services provided: variety of means including agency staff/vehicles, reimbursement of mileage, and purchase of transit passes and tickets, transportation to Cleveland area VA facilities
Transportation Service Type: N/A
Eligibility Requirements: military veteran status
Hours: Mon thru Fri 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Thursdays 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM
General Service Area: Richland County
Contact Information: Ken Estep; 419-774-5822
Website/email: <http://www.richlandcountyvets.org> / ken@richlandcountyvets.org

Agency Name: Richland Newhope Industries, Inc.
Address: 150 East Fourth Street Mansfield, Ohio 44902
Services: operates sheltered workshops and employment services for disabled persons
Transportation Services provided: Varieties of transportation services are provided. These include directly operated bus service, agency staff using their own vehicles, reimbursement of mileage paid to client families and purchased transportation, purchases public transit tickets and passes
Transportation Service Type:
Eligibility Requirements: persons with a disability
Hours: 6:00 AM-5:00 PM weekdays
General Service Area: Richland County
Contact Information: Chris Stanfield 419-774-4400
Website/email: <http://www.rniinc.com> / cstanfield@rniinc.com

Agency Name: Salvation Army
Address: 47 South Main Street Mansfield, Ohio 44902
Services: Numerous Assistance Services for those in need
Transportation Services provided: Provides Bus Passes
Transportation Service Type: N/A
Eligibility Requirements: Client/Person in Need
Hours: Mon thru Fri 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
General Service Area: Richland County
Contact Information: Robert Bender 419-525-2912
Website/email: www.easternusa.salvationarmy.org/northeast-ohio/mansfield/
Robert.Bender@use.salvationarmy.org

Agency Name: Third Street Family Health Services
Address: 1404 Park Avenue West Suite 2 Mansfield, Ohio 44906
Services: provides medical, dental, OBGYN and behavioral health services to Mansfield residents
Transportation Services provided: When transportation is provided, it is arranged through a local taxi company
Transportation Service Type: Medical appointments
Eligibility Requirements: private non-profit agency for patients who meet financial criteria
Hours: varies
General Service Area: Richland, Crawford, Ashland counties
Contact Information: Alex Goff 419-522-6191
Website/email: www.tsfhs.org - GoffA@thirdstreetfamily.org

Agency Name: Wayfinders Ohio
Address: 124 West Third Street Mansfield, Ohio 44902
Services: residential homeless shelter
Transportation Services provided: purchase of Richland County Transit bus tickets, as well as 1 agency van
Transportation Service Type: transportation to medical, groceries, employment, appointments with other agencies
Eligibility Requirements: Homeless in Richland County
Hours: 24/7
General Service Area: Richland County
Contact Information: Miles Parsons; 419-522-2323
Website/email: wayfindersohio.org / miles@wayfindersohio.org

TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES

Company Name: All American Transportation Services

Address: 575 Beer Road Ontario, Ohio 44906

Services: Transportation for ambulatory and non-ambulatory individuals

Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 25, 20 of which are wheelchair accessible

Transportation Services provided: NEMT sedan and ambulette service on a per trip basis

Transportation Service Type: Door-through-Door

Wheelchair Accessibility: Yes

Cost: Varies on Distance and Service Required

Eligibility Requirements: None

Hours: Monday-Saturday 8AM-5PM, Before and After-Hours Transportation can be scheduled based on availability

General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area

Contact Information: James Blevins; 419-589-7433

Website/email: <https://allamericanambuletteservices.com> - aatsllc@yahoo.com

Company Name: Apple Lane Transportation

Address: 672 Springmill Street Mansfield, Ohio 44903

Services: Transportation for ambulatory and non-ambulatory individuals

Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 17, 7 of which are wheelchair accessible

Transportation Services provided: NEMT sedan and ambulette services on a per trip basis

Transportation Service Type: Door-through-door

Wheelchair Accessibility: Yes

Cost: Varies on Distance and Service Required

Eligibility Requirements: N/A

Hours: Any hours requested, M-F, Sat & Sun medical trips only

General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area

Contact Information: Laura King; 419-522-9904

Website/email: applelane@neo.rr.com

Company Name: Chihuahua Choo Choo

Address: 599 South Diamond Street Mansfield, Ohio 44902

Services: Provides shuttle services and on demand transportation.

Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 5, none of which are wheelchair accessible

Transportation Services provided: door-to-door

Transportation Service Type: Sedan

Wheelchair Accessibility: No

Cost: Varies on Distance and Service Required

Eligibility Requirements: N/A

Hours: 24/7

General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area

Mansfield Police Approved: Yes

Contact Information: Joyce Mitchell; 419-564-3818, text only

Website/email: dr.joyce.m1@gmail.com

Company Name: D&D Rides LLC

Address: 785 Lexington Avenue Suite 214 Mansfield, Ohio 44907

Services: minivan, SUV, and sedan transportation for medical reasons

Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 11, 1 of which is wheelchair accessible

Transportation Services provided: door-to-door

Transportation Service Type: NEMT, Sedans, minivans, SUV's

Wheelchair Accessibility: Yes, when driver is available

Cost: Varies on Distance and Service Required

Eligibility Requirements: N/A

Hours: 7 days a week, hours vary based on schedule

General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area

Mansfield Police Approved: No, medical transportation only

Contact Information: Layne Castor; 419-295-2562

Website/email: layniebug.dd@gmail.com

Company Name: Elite Medical Transportation

Address: 165 Marion Avenue Mansfield, Ohio 44903

Services: Transportation services for Ambulatory and Non-Ambulatory individuals

Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 15, 5 of which are wheelchair accessible

Transportation Services provided: door-through-door

Transportation Service Type: NEMT, sedans, wheelchair accessible vans and ambulettes

Wheelchair Accessibility: Yes

Cost: Varies on Distance and Service Required

Eligibility Requirements: Consumer must be cognitive or add family member/AID to trip

Hours: Office hours M-F: 8am-4pm, Transport hours M-Sa: 5am-6pm.

General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area

Contact Information: Liz Grove; 419-566-9611

Website/email: www.elitemedicaltransport.org / Lizgrove@elitemedicaltransport.org

Company Name: Fenix Medical Transportation

Address: 1699 South Main Street Mansfield, Ohio 44907

Services: Transportation is provided for medical reasons from Hospitals and Assisted Living Facilities

Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 6, 3 of which are wheelchair accessible

Transportation Services provided: door through door

Transportation Service Type: Ambulance and 14 passenger bus with space for 2 wheelchairs and a lift.

Wheelchair Accessibility: Yes

Cost: Varies on Distance and Service Required

Eligibility Requirements: N/A

Hours: 7 days a week, 24 hours a day

General Service Area: Richland and within 100 miles

Contact Information: Rachael Madden 740-474-4180

Website/email: www.Fenixmedicaltransportation.com / rachaelm@fenixems.com

Company Name: GoBus
Services: Ohio rural intercity bus program
Transportation Services provided: Bus transportation throughout Ohio.
Transportation Service Type: Bus
Wheelchair Accessibility: Yes
Cost: Varies on Distance Travelled
Eligibility Requirements: DNA
Hours: 7 days a week, published online schedule
General Service Area: All over Ohio, bus stop location – 2424 Possum Run Road
Contact Information: 888-954-6287
Website/email: <https://ridegobus.com/>

Company Name: Greyhound Bus Lines
Services: Bus transportation across the U.S.
Transportation Services provided: flat rate fee depending on destination to anywhere in U.S.
Transportation Service Type: Bus, intercity
Wheelchair Accessibility: Yes
Cost: Varies on Distance Travelled
Eligibility Requirements: N/A
Hours: 24/7
General Service Area: All over US, bus stop location 2424 Possum Run Rd 44903
Contact Information: 800-231-2222
Website/email: <http://www.greyhound.com>

Company Name: Lynx EMS
Address: 225 West Main Street Shelby, Ohio 44875
Services: Medical Transportation
Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 2, 1 of which is wheelchair accessible
Transportation Services provided: Transportation services for Ambulatory and Non-Ambulatory individuals
Transportation Service Type: Door through Door
Wheelchair Accessibility: Yes, 5:00AM-5:00PM Monday-Saturday Hours Flexible, Depending on Need
Cost: Varies on Distance and Service Required
Eligibility Requirements: N/A
Hours: 24/7
General Service Area: Richland & Surrounding Counties
Contact Information: Bethany Danison 419-902-0525
Website/email: www.lynx911.com / Bethany.danison@lynx911.com

Company Name: Mary McLeod-Bethune Center
Address: 271 Hedges Street Mansfield, Ohio 44902
Transportation Services provided: NEMT, Door-to-door, ambulette & Shuttle Bus's
Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 10, 8 of which are wheelchair accessible
Transportation Service Type: General public
Wheelchair Accessibility: Yes, 8 Ambulates
Cost: Varies on Distance and Service Required
Eligibility Requirements: N/A
Hours: Office: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM – Transportation: 4:30 AM- 8:00 PM, M-Sa, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM Sun
General Service Area: Richland County and surrounding area
Contact Information: Alverta Williams; 419-526-2200
Website/email: mbie-ohio.org / Transportation@mbie.org

Company Name: Mom's Buggy Rides
Address: 750 Haymond Street Galion, Ohio 44833
Services: Sedan transportation for medical
Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 6, none of which are wheelchair accessible
Transportation Services provided: NEMT, door-to door, door-through-door, sedan transportation service
Transportation Service Type: General public
Wheelchair Accessibility: No
Cost: Varies on Distance and Service Required
Eligibility Requirements: N/A
Hours: 4:30 AM – Midnight 7 days a week
General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area
Mansfield Police Approved: Yes
Contact Information: Lori Murphy, 419-961-6090
Website/email: murphylori2@gmail.com

Company Name: O.C.C. (Ontario Cab Company)
1220 West Longview Avenue Mansfield, Ohio 44906
Services: Taxi service
Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 1, none of which is wheelchair accessible
Transportation Services provided: Door to door
Transportation Service type: Taxi
Wheelchair Accessibility: No
Cost: Varies on Distance and Service Required
Eligibility Requirements: DNA
Hours: 8:00AM-8:00PM Monday to Saturday, after hours and out of town by appointment
General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area
Mansfield Police Approved: No
Contact Information: PJ Kahl 567-560-5228
Website/email: <https://ontariocabco.wixsite.com/mysite> / Occ5228@gmail.com

Company Name: Richland County Transit
Address: 232 North Main Street Mansfield, Ohio 44902
Services: provides public transportation in certain municipalities in Richland County
Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 19, all of which are wheelchair accessible
Transportation Services provided: RCT operates 9 fixed routes which provide a transportation network for trips to work, school, appointments, or shopping. A regularly scheduled fixed route bus service operates in and to Mansfield and Ontario. In addition, it operates a Dial-A-Ride Para-Transit service within 1 mile of RCT fixed routes.
Transportation Service Type: Public Transit
Wheelchair Accessibility: Yes
Bicycle Rack: Yes
Cost: Varies on Distance and Service Required
Eligibility Requirements: none
Hours: 6:00 AM - 6:30 PM weekdays
General Service Area: Cities of Mansfield & Ontario and Madison Township
Contact Information: Christine Terry; 419-522-4504
Website/email: <http://www.rctbuses.com> / christerryrct@yahoo.com

Company Name: Shelby Taxi Service
Address: 43 West Main Street Shelby, Ohio 44875
Services: Taxicab service in Shelby
Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 1, none of which is wheelchair accessible
Transportation Services provided: Door to door
Transportation Service Type: Taxi Service
Wheelchair Accessibility: Accessible transportation is available upon request
Cost: Adults \$2.00, Students \$1.00, Senior Citizens & ADA free
Eligibility Requirements: N/A
Hours: Tuesday to Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, excludes Holidays
General Service Area: Within Shelby City limits
Contact Information: Bill Burdge 419 -295-5144 / Stacey Gunder 419-347-5131
Website/email: <http://www.shelbycity.oh.gov> / StaceyGunder@shelbycity.oh.gov

Company Name: Those Guyz Transportation
Services: Taxi services in Richland County and surrounding area
Transportation Services provided: door-to-door
Transportation Service Type: Taxi
Fare: \$3.00 first mile and \$2.50 each mile after
Eligibility Requirements: DNA
Hours: 7:00AM-11:00PM 7 Days a Week, or as needed
General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area
AAA5 Approved Provider: No
Mansfield Police Approved: No
Contact Information: Joshua Caldwell 567-303-8625
Website/email: thoseguyzllc2023@gmail.com

Company Name: TNT Taxi
Services: Taxi service
Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 3, none of which are wheelchair accessible
Transportation Services provided: door-to-door
Transportation Service Type: Taxi
Wheelchair Accessibility: No
Cost: Varies on Distance and Service Required
Eligibility Requirements: DNA
Hours: 6:00AM-11:00PM
General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area
Mansfield Police Approved: No
Contact Information: Taurell Favors 419-565-2602
Website/email: TNT.Taxi2020@gmail.com

Company Name: 419 Rideshare
Services: Taxi service
Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 4, none of which are wheelchair accessible
Transportation Services provided: door-to-door
Transportation Service Type: Taxi
Wheelchair Accessibility: No
Cost: Varies on Distance and Service Required
Eligibility Requirements: DNA
Hours: 24/7
General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area
Mansfield Police Approved: No
Contact Information: Doug Newsome, 419-631-5754 or 419-631-5704
Website/email: 419rideshare@gmail.com

ASSISTED LIVING/ SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES

Agency Name: Arbors at Mifflin

Address: 1600 Crider Road Mansfield, Ohio 44903

Services: Assisted Living Retirement Community

Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 2, 1 of which is wheelchair accessible

Transportation Services provided: Transportation is provided for medical appointments, groceries, errands and outings.

Transportation Service Type: 6 Passenger & 1 Wheelchair Van

Eligibility Requirements: Resident

Hours: 8:00AM- 5:00PM Monday-Friday

General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area

Contact Information: Ryan Juhola 419-589-7611

Website/email: arborsatmifflin.com / rjuhola@arborsatmifflin.com

Agency Name: Crestwood Care Center

Address: 225 West Main Street Shelby, Ohio 44875

Services: senior independent and assisted living retirement community

Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 2, 1 of which is wheelchair accessible

Transportation Services provided: Bus

Transportation Service Type: Bus w/wheelchair lift & 8 Passenger

Eligibility Requirements: Resident

Hours: 8:00AM-5:00PM

General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area

Contact Information: Ashley Bowman 419-342-7035

Website/email: www.communicarehealth.com / ashley.bowman@chs-corp.com

Agency Name: Crystal Care Center of Mansfield

Address: 1159 Wyandotte Avenue Mansfield, Ohio 44906

Services: senior independent and assisted living retirement community

Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 2, 1 of which is wheelchair accessible

Transportation Services provided: Bus & Van

Transportation Service Type: Bus w/wheelchair lift

Eligibility Requirements: Resident

Hours: 8:00AM-5:00PM with evenings around Holidays

General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area

Contact Information: Mindy Davenport 419-747-2666

Website/email: www.crystalcarecenters.com / mindy@crystalcarecenters.com

Agency Name: Dayspring Assisted Living & Care Facility
Address: 3220 Olivesburg Road Mansfield, Ohio 44903
Services: adult day services and short-term respite care
Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 3, 1 of which is wheelchair accessible
Transportation Services provided: Weekday medical and social service appointment transportation, and social and recreational activities on weekends
Transportation Service Type: SUV and Van with wheelchair lift
Eligibility Requirements: Developmental delays or developmental disabilities and deficits in at least 3 areas of life, clients of Dayspring
Hours: varies
General Service Area: Richland County
Contact Information: Michelle Swank; 419-774-5894
Website/email: www.richlandcountyoh.gov / mswank@richlandcountyoh.gov

Agency Name: Diamond View Residential Care
Address: 111 South Diamond Street Mansfield, Ohio 44902
Services: Assisted Living Retirement Community
Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 1, none of which is wheelchair accessible
Transportation Services provided: Transportation is provided for medical appointments, groceries, errands and outings.
Transportation Service Type: 5 Passenger SUV
Eligibility Requirements: Resident
Hours: 8:00AM- 5:00PM Monday-Friday
General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area
Contact Information: Barbara Whisler 419-566-6028
Website/email: www.diamondviewrcf.com / moonraker1977@yahoo.com

Agency Name: Jag Healthcare
Address: 100 Roger's Lane Shelby, Ohio 44875
Services: Assisted living Center
Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 1, 1 of which is wheelchair accessible
Transportation Services provided: Transportation to Medical Appointments
Transportation Service Type: Van Wheelchair Lift and 1 Passenger
Eligibility Requirements: Resident
Hours: 8:00AM-5:00PM
General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area
Contact Information: Erica Cates 419-347-1313
Website/email: jaghealthcare.com / ecates@jaghealthcare.com

Agency Name: Lexington Court Care Center
Address: 250 Delaware Street Lexington, Ohio 44904
Services: senior independent and assisted living retirement community
Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 1, 1 of which is wheelchair accessible
Transportation Services provided: Transportation for medical and outings
Transportation Service Type: 15 Passenger Bus with wheelchair lift and 4 wheelchairs
Eligibility Requirements: Resident
Hours: 7:00AM-5:00PM 7 Days a week
General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area
Contact Information: Jessica Link 419-884-2000
Website/email: www.atriumlivingcenters.com / 63-admin@atriumlivingcenters.com

Agency Name: Liberty Nursing Center of Mansfield
Address: 535 Lexington Avenue Mansfield, Ohio 44907
Services: nursing home services
Vehicles: Total Vehicles: Varies, none of which are wheelchair accessible
Transportation Services provided: Transportation is provided by staff using their own vehicles. Also contracted with Mansfield Ambulance & Community EMS for patients not able to walk.
Transportation Service Type: medical
Eligibility Requirements: must be client/patient
Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM weekdays
General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area
Contact Information: Dori Jacobs 419-756-7111
Website/email: <https://www.libertynursingcenters.com/> cjacobs@libertynursingcenters.com

Agency Name: Mansfield Memorial Homes
Address: 50 Blymyer Avenue Mansfield, Ohio 44903
Services: Provides nursing home, adult day care and nutrition services
Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 2, both of which are wheelchair accessible
Transportation Services provided: uses two (2) wheelchair accessible 10-passenger vans that are driven by agency staff. Uses federal Title IIIC funding for its transportation services.
Transportation Service Type: N/A
Eligibility Requirements: client
Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri from 8:00 AM to 4:40 PM; Tues, Thurs and Sat 5:30 AM to 4:30 PM
General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area
Contact Information: Phone: Jennifer Ulich 419-774-5133
Website/email: <http://www.mansfieldmh.com> / jdale@mansfieldmh.com

Agency Name: Oak Grove Manor
Address: 1670 Crider Road Mansfield, Ohio 44903
Services: senior independent and assisted living retirement community
Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 1, 1 of which is wheelchair accessible
Transportation Services provided: Transportation is provided for medical appointments, groceries, errands and outings.
Transportation Service Type: 8 passenger bus with access for 4 wheelchairs
Eligibility Requirements: resident
Hours: 8:00AM-4:00PM
General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area
Contact Information: Jenna Swart 419-589-6222
Website/email: www.oakgrovemanor.com / Transportation@oakgrovecarecenter.com

Agency Name: Ontario Estates Senior Living
Address: 2010 Walker Lake Road Ontario, Ohio 44906
Services: senior independent and assisted living retirement community
Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 1, 1 of which is wheelchair accessible
Transportation Services provided: Bus trips to Doctor and Outings
Transportation Service Type: 12 passenger bus plus one wheelchair lift
Eligibility Requirements: resident
Hours: 8:00AM-5:00PM and some evening trips
General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area
Contact Information: Tanya Noble 419-747-1119
Website/email: www.sinceriseniorliving.com / tanya.noble@sincerisl.com

Agency Name: Ontario Pointe Assisted Living
Address: 2124 Park Avenue West Ontario, Ohio 44906
Services: senior independent and assisted living retirement community
Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 1, 1 of which is wheelchair accessible
Transportation Services provided: Outings
Transportation Service Type: 8-seat Bus with 2 wheelchair lift
Eligibility Requirements: resident
Hours: 8:00AM-5:00PM
General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area
Contact Information: Heather Risinger 419-529-6447
Website/email: www.mycaringplan.com / hrisinger@ontariopointe.com

Agency Name: Primrose Retirement Community
Address: 1301 Millsboro Road Mansfield, Ohio 44906
Services: senior independent and assisted living retirement community
Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 1, 1 of which is wheelchair accessible
Transportation Services provided: Transportation is provided for medical appointments, groceries, errands and outings.
Transportation Service Type: 10 Passenger Van with Wheelchair Lift
Eligibility Requirements: resident
Hours: 8:00AM-4:00PM
General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area
Contact Information: Allison Campbell 419-989-6591
Website/email: www.primroseretirement.com / allison.campbell@primroseretirement.com

Agency Name: Trustwell Living Mansfield Place
Address: 1841 Middle Bellville Road Mansfield, Ohio 44904
Services: senior independent and assisted living retirement community
Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 1, 1 of which is wheelchair accessible
Transportation Services provided: Transportation is provided for outings only
Transportation Service Type: 2 buses 10 seats each
Eligibility Requirements: resident
Hours: 8:00AM-5:00PM
General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area
Contact Information: Lisa Grindle 419-756-5599
Website/email: www.trustwellliving.com / lisa.grindle@trustwellliving.net

Agency Name: The Waterford at Mansfield
Address: 1296 South Trimble Road Mansfield, Ohio 44906
Services: senior independent and assisted living retirement community
Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 1, 1 of which is wheelchair accessible
Transportation Services provided: Transportation for medical and outings
Transportation Service Type: Bus
Eligibility Requirements: Resident
Hours: 7:00AM-5:00PM
General Service Area: Richland County and Surrounding Area
Contact Information: Fred Rose 419-775-1013
Website/email: www.sonidaseniorliving.com / frose@sonidaliving.com

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AGENCIES

Agency Name: A Silver Lining

Address: 30 Bowman Street Mansfield, Ohio 44902

Services: Developmental Disability Agency

Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 2, none of which are wheelchair accessible

Transportation Services provided: Transportation for Individuals to RNI, Dayhab and Outings

Transportation Service Type: One 15 passenger van and one 12 passenger van, neither have wheelchair lifts

Eligibility Requirements: Client

Hours: 8:00AM-4:00PM

General Service Area: Richland County

Contact Information: Brian Phillips 419-571-4280

Website/email: brian@silverlininghealth.net

Agency Name: A Step Up

Address: 1075 National Parkway Mansfield, Ohio 44906

Services: Developmental Disability Agency

Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 3, 2 of which are wheelchair accessible

Transportation Services provided: Transportation for Individuals to RNI, Dayhab and Outings

Transportation Service Type: 3 seven passenger vans, 2 with wheelchair lifts

Eligibility Requirements: Client

Hours: 7:00AM-4:00PM

General Service Area: Richland County

Contact Information: Misty Miller 740-507-1704

Website/email: www.cg-idd.com / misty.miller@cg-idd.com

Agency Name: Choice Express

Address: 856 Park Avenue West Mansfield, Ohio 44906

Services: Developmental Disability Agency

Vehicles: Total Vehicle: 5, 1 of which is wheelchair accessible

Transportation Services provided: Transportation for Individuals to RNI, Dayhab and Outings

Transportation Service Type: 2 twelve passenger buses and 2 six
6 passenger vans

Eligibility Requirements: Client

Hours: 7:00AM-4:30PM

General Service Area: Richland County

Contact Information: Lorri Lewis 419-512-3914

Website/email: Choiceexpressllc@gmail.com

Agency Name: HR Choices
Address: 322 East Main Street Lexington, Ohio 44904
Services: Developmental Disability Agency
Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 3, all of which are wheelchair accessible
Transportation Services provided: Transportation for Individuals to RNI, Dayhab and Outings
Transportation Service Type: 3 twelve passenger buses, each with one wheelchair lift
Eligibility Requirements: Client
Hours: 7:00AM-4:30PM
General Service Area: Richland County
Contact Information: Kim Corwin 419-884-7700
Website/email: hrchoicesinc.com / kim@hrchoicesinc.com

Agency Name: McElvain Homes
Address: 973 Larchwood Road Mansfield, Ohio 44907
Services: Developmental Disability Agency
Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 12, none of which are wheelchair accessible
Transportation Services provided:
Transportation Service Type: Transportation for Individuals to RNI, Dayhab and Outings
Eligibility Requirements: Client
Hours: 7:00AM-4:00PM
General Service Area: Richland County
Contact Information: Sara Young 419-589-6697
Website/email: www.mcelvainhomes.com / sara.young@mcelvainhomes.com

Agency Name: Open Arms
Address: 1046 Lenox Avenue Mansfield, Ohio 44906
Services: Developmental Disability Agency
Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 1, 1 of which is wheelchair accessible
Transportation Services provided: Transportation for Individuals to RNI, Dayhab and Outings
Transportation Service Type:
Eligibility Requirements: Client
Hours:
General Service Area: Richland County
Contact Information: Chris Allison 419-544-8344/567-449-5355
Website/email: oaohio.com / chris@oaohio.com

Agency Name: Richland Newhope Industries, Inc.
Address: 150 East Fourth Street Mansfield, Ohio 44902
Services: Developmental Disability Agency
Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 19, 17 of which are wheelchair accessible
Transportation Services provided: Varieties of transportation services are provided. These include directly operated bus service, agency staff using their own vehicles, reimbursement of mileage paid to client families and purchased transportation, purchases public transit tickets and passes
Transportation Service Type: All Types
Eligibility Requirements: Client
Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM weekdays
General Service Area: Richland County
Contact Information: Amanda South 419-774-4400
Website/email: <http://www.rniinc.com> / asouth@rniinc.com

Agency Name: VIA Quest
Address: 1404 Park Avenue West Mansfield, Ohio 44906
Services: Developmental Disability Agency
Vehicles: Total Vehicles: 8, 3 of which are wheelchair accessible
Transportation Services provided: Transportation for Individuals to RNI, Dayhab and Outings
Transportation Service Type: Seven multi passenger vans with two wheelchair lifts, One minivan with a wheelchair lift
Eligibility Requirements: Client
Hours: 7:30AM-4:30PM
General Service Area: Richland County
Contact Information: Frances Williams 419-419-6215
Website/email: www.viaquestinc.com / frances.williams@viaquestinc.com

Assessment of Community Support for Transit

As defined by the state of Ohio; The Ohio Mobility Management Program increases access to mobility to Ohioans by increasing understanding and awareness of transportation, needs, coordination of transportation options to meet needs and building sustainable and healthy communities by integrating transportation into planning and programs. The Richland County Mobility Manager does this by being active in the County and conducting events that promote being active and safe.

Though the Richland County Mobility Manager does not provide or operate transportation, the Mobility Manager can help individuals seek solutions to their transportation situations. The Richland County Mobility Manager works as a broker between area human service agencies and local private and public transportation providers including Richland County Transit and Demand Response Dial-a-Ride. The Mobility Manager acts as the point of contact for all transportation providers and agencies requesting transportation for their clients, maintains a transportation resource document for the county and helps link individuals to different services based on eligibility criteria, geography, location to transit bus routes, specific needs, i.e. wheelchair accessibility, door-through-door services, operating hours, destination, etc.

Richland County is fortunate to be served by Richland County Transit (RCT), which provides essential transportation services throughout Mansfield and parts of Ontario. Over the past several years, RCT has evaluated numerous strategies to improve operational efficiency and service quality. As a result of these efforts, RCT has developed and implemented a real-time GPS bus tracking system known as **Spot**.

Spot enables riders to track buses in real time, improving the overall customer experience by increasing reliability and transparency. Additionally, the implementation of this technology positions Richland County Transit more favorably for future funding opportunities by demonstrating a commitment to innovation, accountability, and service improvement.

Safety

Transportation is not just for moving people and commodities from one place to another, it can also assist in safety during or shortly after and recovery from an emergency event in the community. The ability to move people away from a dangerous location or transport an injured person to a medical facility are important parts of disaster recovery or planning.

Summary of Existing Resources

Richland County Human Services agencies currently use a variety of transportation resources to provide clientele with a means of transportation to either access their services or as part of their services. The majority of human service providers currently either use the Richland County Transit System, or on demand transportation provided by Richland County Transit. A few service agencies provide transportation to their clientele internally but are not open to outside agencies or the public for transportation needs. One option that is utilized is the distribution of bus passes for use by the service agency clientele; this has been an easy method to provide access to a system that is already operating.

IV. Assessment of Transportation Needs and Gaps

In an effort to better understand the transportation needs of Richland County, the Planning Committee conducted a comprehensive evaluation using both quantitative and qualitative approaches. This included the review of existing research and data, along with targeted outreach efforts to engage the community. Public presentations and meetings were held to gather input regarding unmet needs and gaps in transportation services.

The demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the region are detailed in the Demographics Chapter of this plan. Building on that foundation, this section provides an overview of identified service gaps based on geographic analysis, as well as feedback from targeted populations, transportation providers, and the general public.

The Richland Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) played a central role in this process. RTAC conducted surveys and facilitated discussions with a diverse range of stakeholders, including organizations and individuals who may be impacted by or involved in the coordinated transportation planning process. Participation was actively solicited to ensure a broad and inclusive understanding of community needs.

To assess transportation needs and gaps, the following methods were employed:

- Assessment of data and demographic trends
- Distribution and analysis of print and electronic surveys completed by stakeholders, service providers, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and members of the general public

This multi-faceted approach helped to identify critical areas for improvement and laid the groundwork for more efficient and equitable transportation solutions across Richland County.

Local Demographic and Socio-Economic Data

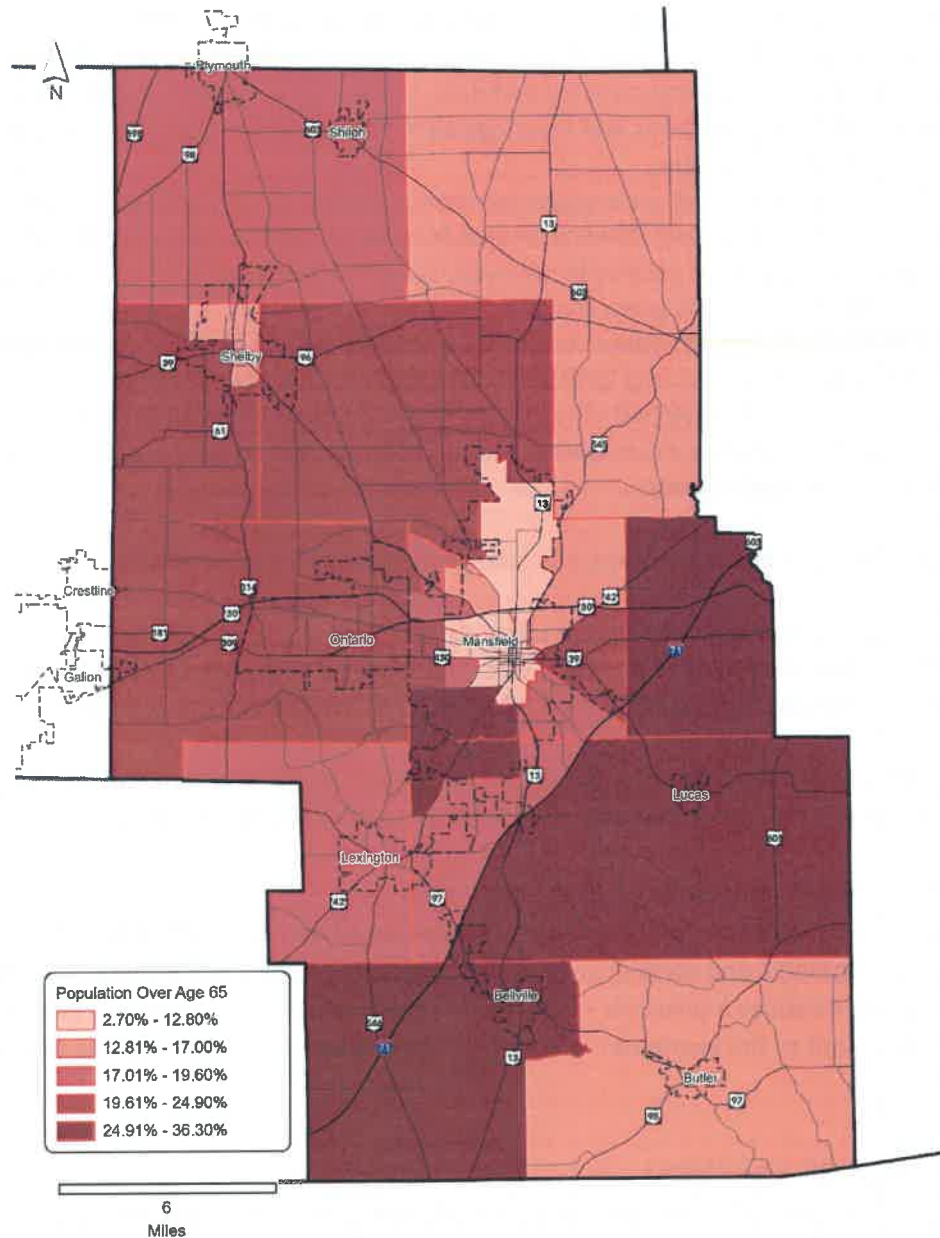
Data for each target population group was aggregated by Census Block Group for transportation analysis. The demographic and socio-economic data is valuable because of a comparison of where the highest and lowest densities individuals who are most likely to need transportation live. This information can then be compared to the locations of (1) major trip generators, and (2) available transportation services.

Population Age 65 and Older

According to the 2024 American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Richland County has a total senior (age 65 and older) population of 25,595 persons or 20.5% of the county's population. This is relatively higher compared to the senior population figure of 18.7% for the State of Ohio and 17.7% for The United States.

The following exhibit illustrates the areas where the number of older adults (age 65 and older) is at or above the county's average. By census tract. The tracts with the highest percentage of residents aged 65 and older are in the central and southern sections of Richland County. Areas of high and moderate density of senior citizens are found in the southwestern corner of Mansfield. The remainder of the region has a relatively average elderly population density.

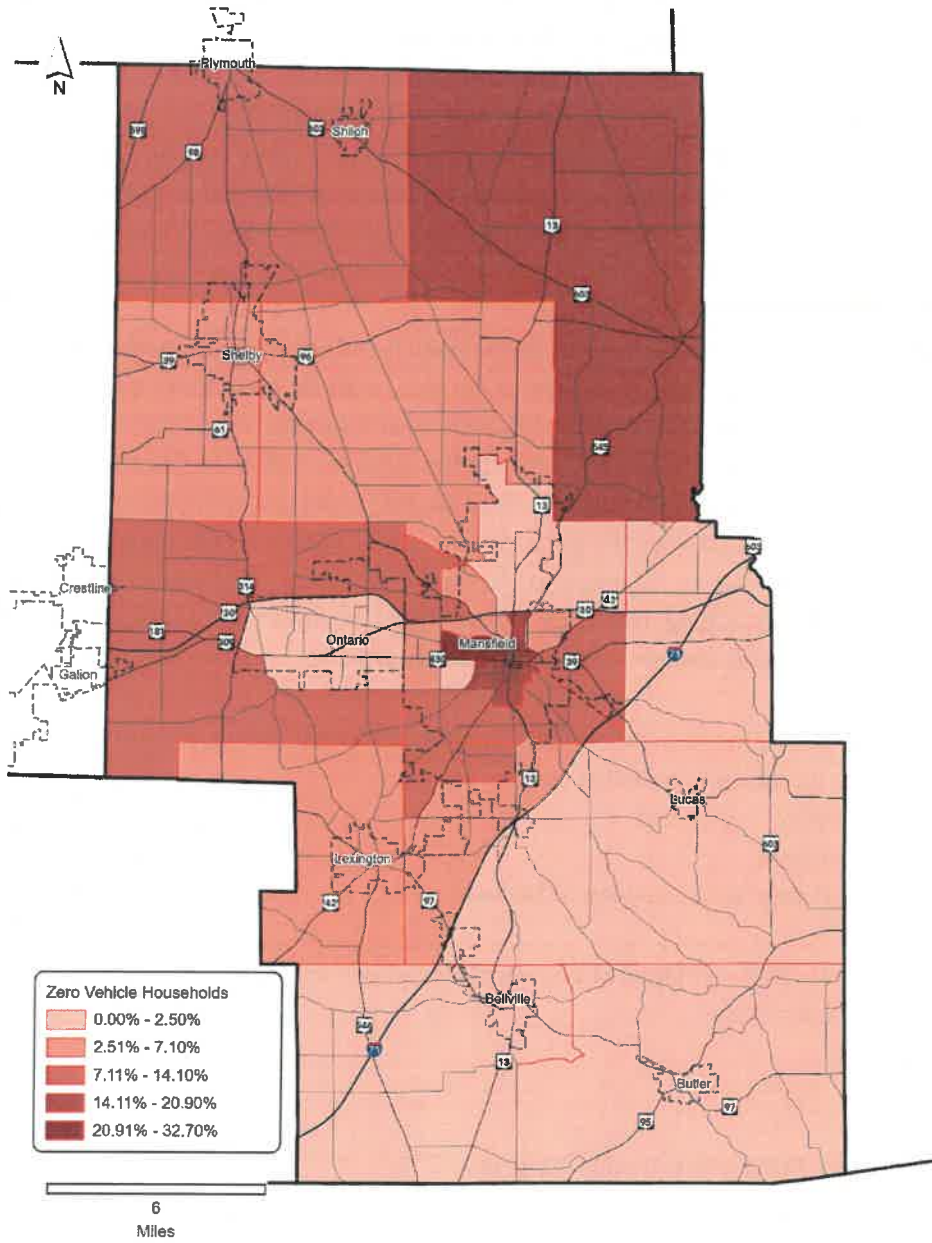
Exhibit 1: Map of Population of Individuals Aged 65 and Older



Zero Vehicle Households

The number of vehicles available to a housing unit can also be used as an indicator of demand for transportation service. The average rate of no vehicle households in the County is 9.85% according to the 2019 ACS 5 Year Survey (Table B08201), this is 4771 households out of 48,449 total that have no vehicle. The highest percentage of no vehicle households, at 32%, is located in Census Tract 31, within the City of Mansfield. The exhibit below indicates Census Tracts by percentage of zero vehicle households. The absence of a vehicle in the household is often an indication of the need for transportation services. The highest percentages of no vehicle households are found inside the city of Mansfield and the Northern portion of the county to include part of the City of Shelby.

Exhibit 2: Map of Zero Vehicle Households



MAJOR TRIP GENERATORS

The term “trip generators” is used to indicate where many current trips originate or end. These trip generators include medical facilities, employment centers, commercial business centers, educational institutions, and other important trip destinations.

Medical Facilities

Medical facilities both within and outside of the County are some of the other key destinations for residents. Ohio Health System is a regional health care facility and the leading employer in Richland County. Ohio Health operates two hospitals in the county: one in Shelby and the other in Mansfield. Ohio Health – Mansfield now has 326 beds and 42 bassinets. It offers a Level II Trauma Center and a Level II Perinatal Department, cardiac care, comprehensive neurological services, and rapid response laboratory sites.

Avita Health System has a new large multispecialty health complex in the former Lazarus building, which is attached to The Ontario Center in Ontario, with an after-hours walk-in clinic. In 2015, Avita established a special partnership with OSU Mansfield and North Central State College to offer special Walk-In Clinic hours and transportation for students. Phase II of Avita Ontario began in November 2015 and added a 22-bed emergency department, 7 bed ICU, 19 bed inpatient wing, 4 surgical suites and several lab and specialty departments. Avita plans on opening a cancer clinic in 2025 in the former Sears building which is attached to The Ontario Center. Avita’s presence has created an economic advantage to the shopping district by increasing discretionary spending and attracting new merchants to the area and is accessible by Richland County Transit.

Educational Facilities

Richland County is home to higher educational facilities that are destinations for transit users. Those facilities include the following institutions:

- ◆ The Ohio State University - Mansfield
- ◆ North Central State College
- ◆ Ashland University’s Dwight Schar College of Nursing

Commercial Centers

Commercial and retail destinations are mostly located in the downtown areas and near the I-71 interchanges. These locations are:

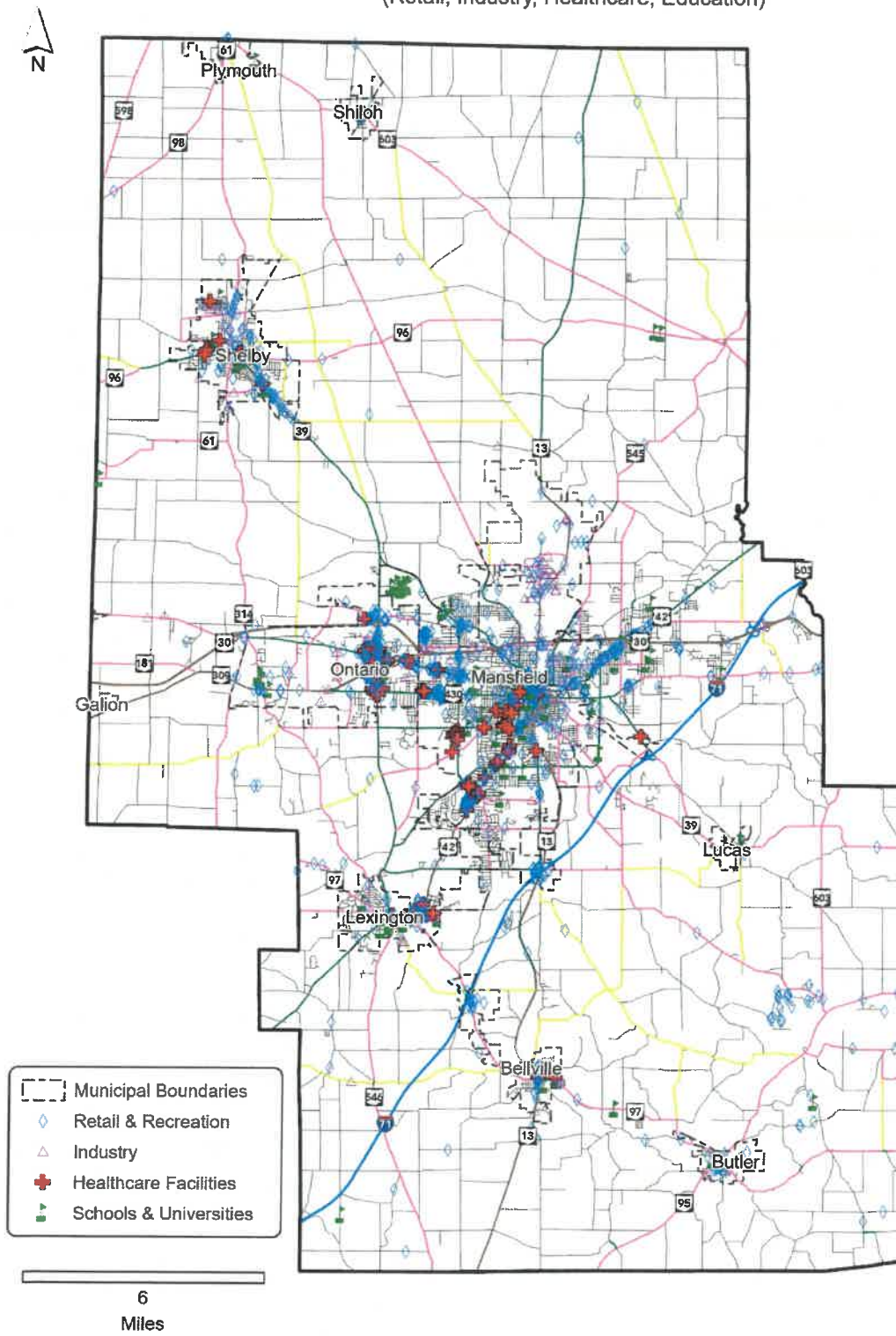
- ◆ Downtown Mansfield
- ◆ Downtown Shelby
- ◆ I-71/SR 13
- ◆ Lexington-Springmill Rd from Park Avenue West to U.S.30

Human Service Agency Facilities

- ◆ Newhope Industries – East 4th Street Facility and Longview Facility
- ◆ Richland County DJFS Office
- ◆ Sterkel Blvd/Scholl Rd. Complex including 5 human services agencies and the Mansfield Area Y

Exhibit 3: Map of Major Trip Generators

Richland County Trip Generators
(Retail, Industry, Healthcare, Education)



Analysis of Demographic Data

It is important to gain an understanding of where the potential users of public transit and human transportation services reside and where their primary destinations are located.

POPULATION

Using Census 2024 estimates data, a plurality of the population in Richland County resides in the City of Mansfield, the largest municipality in the County. Mansfield’s 2024 population estimate was 47,530 people or 38.07 percent of the County’s population (124,853). The next largest city is Shelby with 9,238 people or 7.4 percent of the County’s population. The next two largest cities or villages of population concentration are Ontario and Lexington with 6,648 and 4,848 people, respectively.

According to the 2010 Census, the total Richland County population was 124,475. According to the 2020 Census, the total population of Richland County in 2020 was 124,936 people, which reflects and .37% percent increase of population between 2010 and 2020. While in the past, county estimates and projections showed an increase in population by 2030, current data projects the opposite. The County’s population is projected to decrease slightly over the next two decades. The Office of Strategic Research projects the County’s 2030 population at only 116,640, a 6.3 percent decrease under the 2020 population. Table 1 illustrates the historic and projected population trends for Richland County through the year 2030.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

TABLE S1810

ACS 2022 5 Year Estimates: Disability Characteristics in Richland County

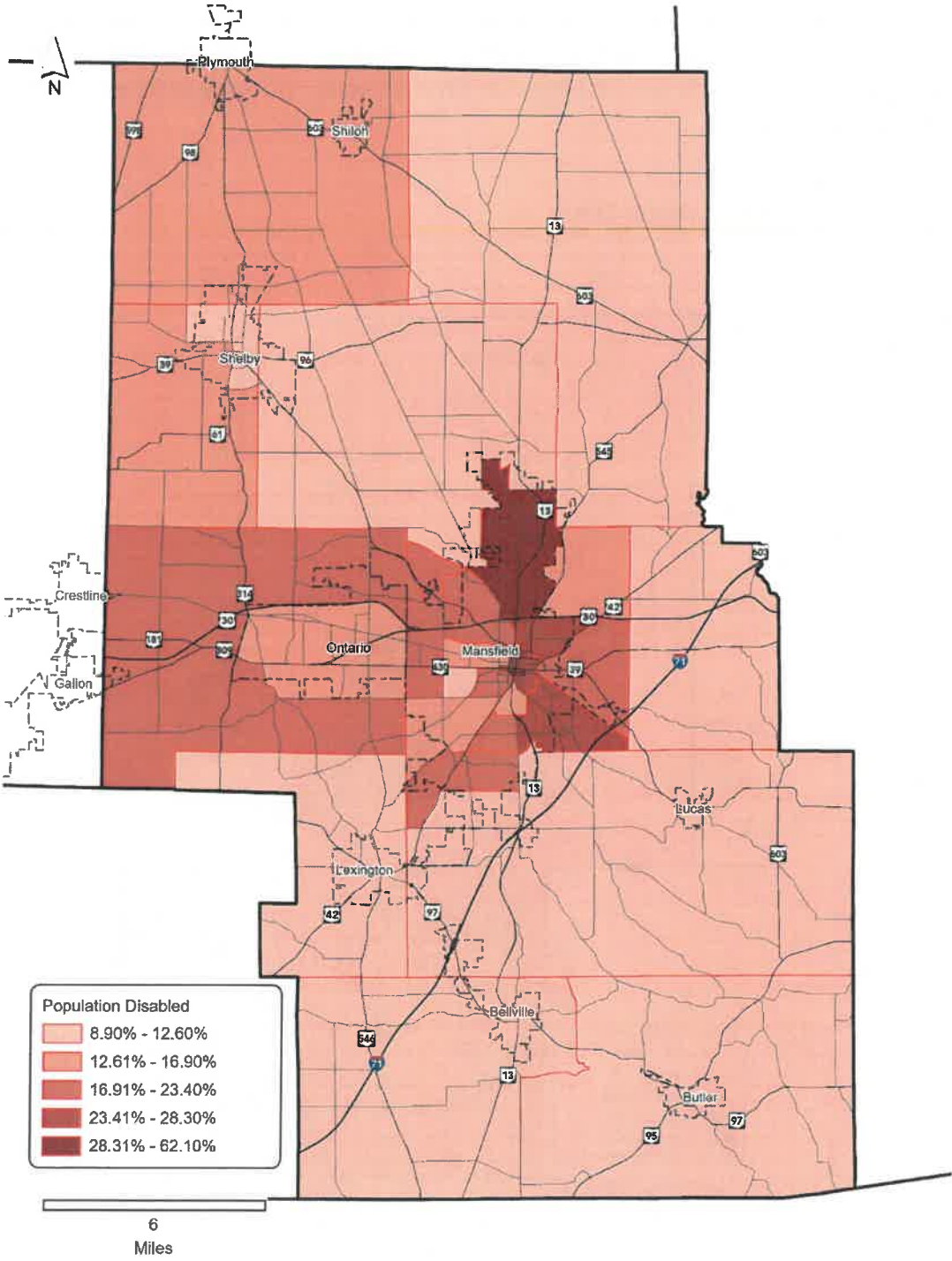
AGE	Total	Hearing Difficulty	Vision Difficulty	Cognitive Difficulty	Ambulatory Difficulty	Self-Care Difficulty	Independent Living Difficulty
Under 5 years	7,116	x	x	x	x	x	x
5 to 17 years	19,924	182	192	1,213	113	318	x
18 to 34 years	24,099	1,791	370	1,382	342	276	945
35 to 64 years	44,024	1,475	1,214	3,284	3,969	1,633	2,691
65 to 74 years	13,532	1,346	873	701	2,183	695	1,057
75 years and over	10,004	2,042	714	1,038	2,505	998	1,818

Source: ACS 2022 5-year estimates Table S1810

Direct tabulations of data from 2022 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates on disability are reported. When available, this total is reported by age cohort. Census-based age breakdowns generally distinguish between working age adults and seniors.

As noted previously, 2022 ACS data provides an enumeration of a specific type of problem, but due to prospect of multiple disabilities, there is no cumulative number that can be developed from this source. Generally speaking, the category of “outside the home disability” tends to be the single best factor in looking at persons with disabilities who may need public transportation or complementary para-transit services.

Exhibit 4: Disability Level by Census Tract
INDIVIDUALS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL

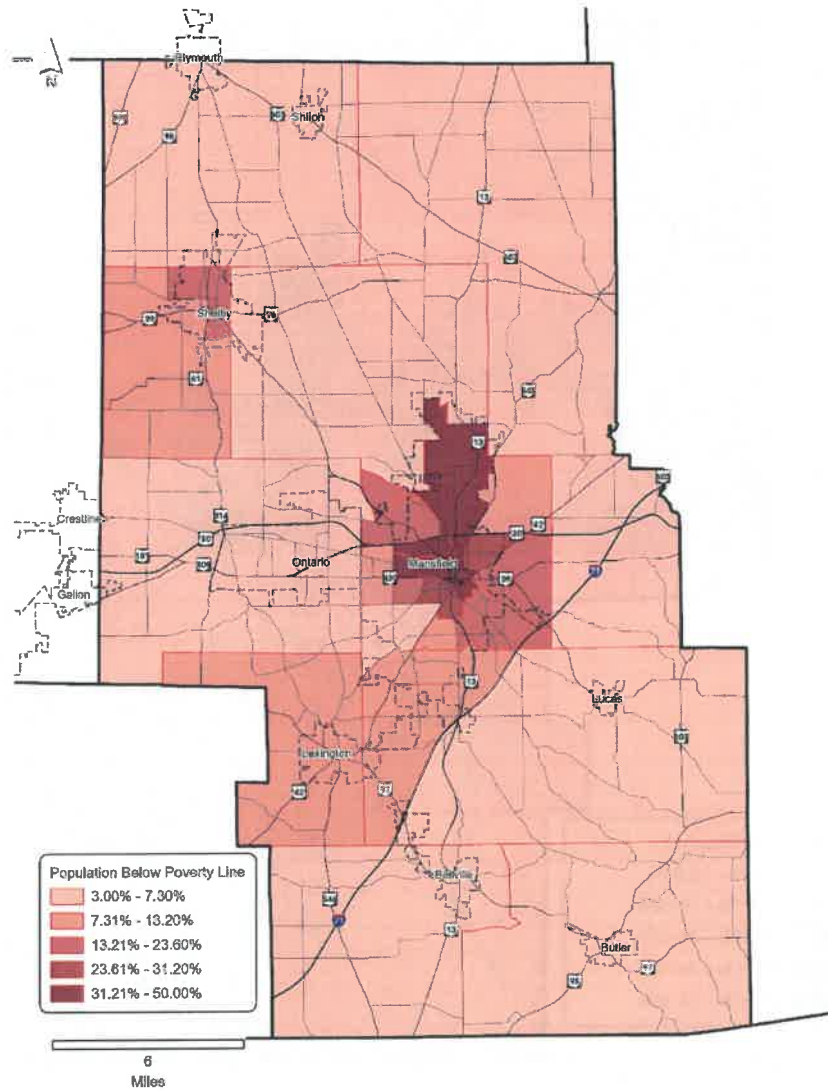


According to the 2022 American Community Survey 5 year Estimates (ACS) out of 117,887 individuals for whom poverty status is determined, 16,356 (13.9%) were living below the Federal poverty level.

Poverty Level by Households

According to the 2019 ACS (Table B17017), there were 48,449 total households in Richland County. Of those households, approximately 6,535 households (13.48 percent) were living below the Federal poverty level. In the City of Mansfield, 3,888 families (21.52% of the 18,065 total estimated number of households) were living below the poverty level. This number also indicates that 59.49% of the overall county households, who live below the poverty level, live in the city of Mansfield. This level is much higher than the level of families below the poverty level for the State of Ohio (13.67%), and the United States (12.92%).

Exhibit 5: Poverty Level by Census Tract

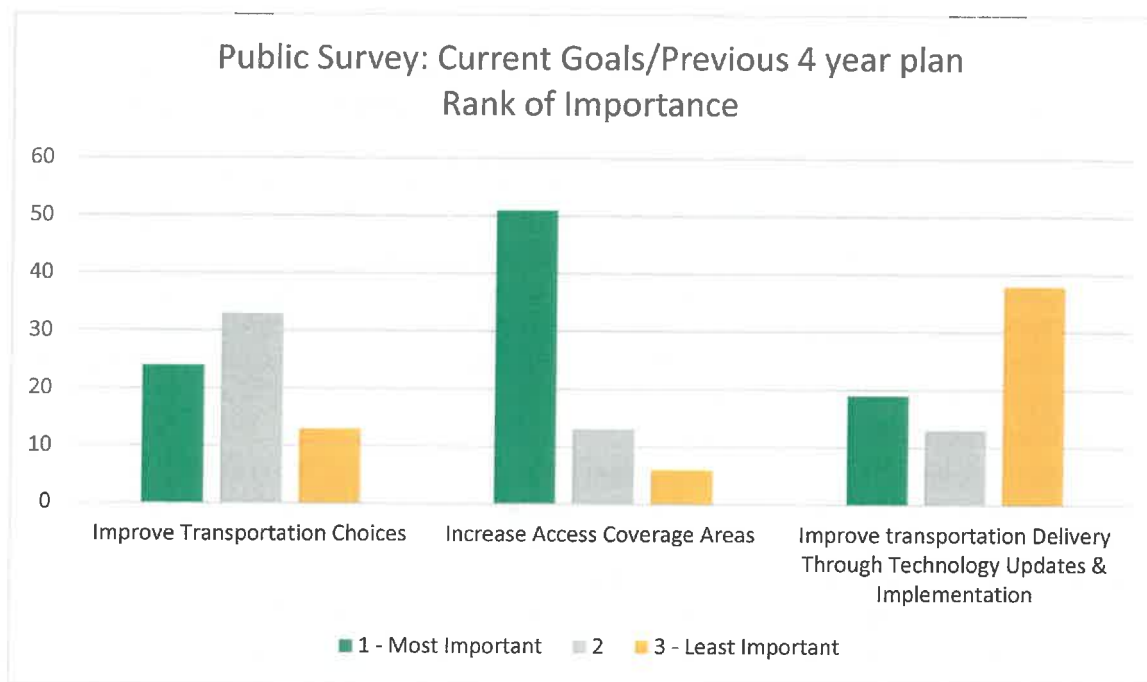


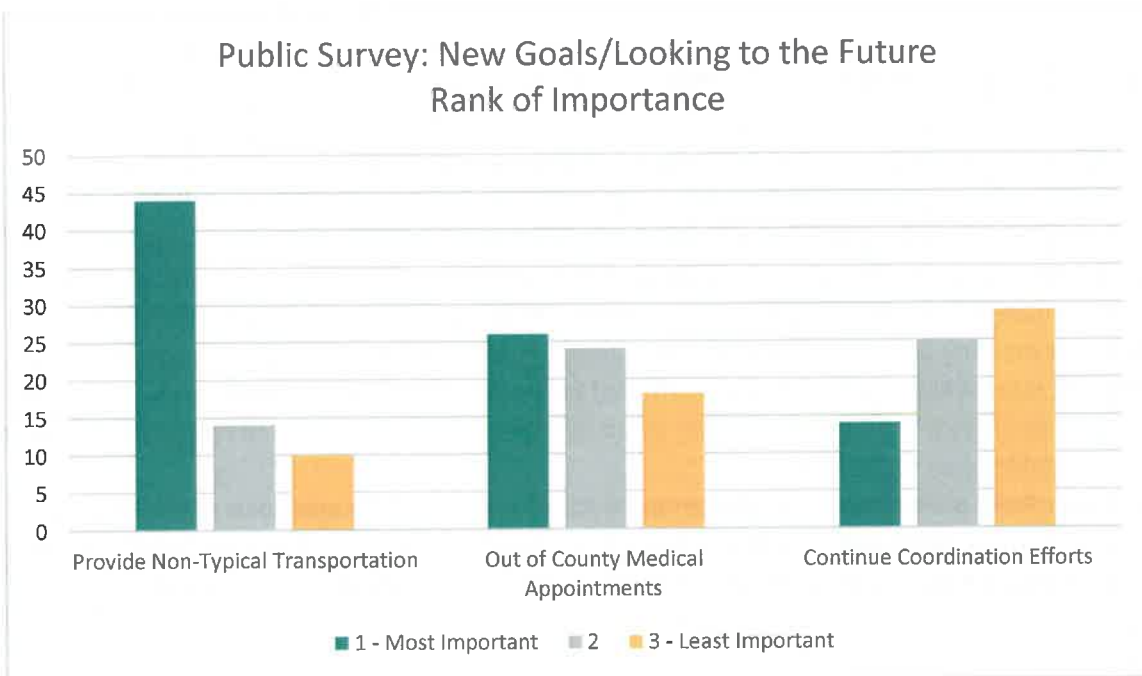
General Public and Stakeholder Meetings/Focus Groups

ATAC hosted and facilitated local meetings and focus groups to discuss the unmet transportation needs and gaps in mobility and transportation as follows: 2 in 2006, 2 in 2007, 3 in 2012, 2 in 2016, 1 in 2019, 1 in 2021, 1 in 2022, 1 in 2023, 1 in 2024 and 3 in 2025. With the transformation of Mobility Management to the Area Agency on Aging, ATAC was changed to Richland Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC). RTAC held its first meeting was held on October 22, 2024, with 20 in attendance. The meeting was represented by older adults, a person with a disability, transportation companies, and representatives from government and business. RTAC held two meetings in 2025, one on February 4th and May 6th. More information about what meetings were held and attendance at those meetings is available upon request.

A Power Point presentation was presented to RTAC on the purpose and goals of the Mobility Management program. Following the initial presentation, the committee was given an update on the status of the program and projects that are underway. Gaps in transportation services and needs were discussed.

Surveys





Challenges to Coordinated Transportation

There are always challenges to the coordination of human service transportation. Results from stakeholder meetings and results from the public input survey indicated the following challenges to coordinate for Richland County.

- Organization/communication barriers with some transportation providers.
- Unique characteristics of clients/population – Consumers from different organizations have different needs, i.e. those with developmental disabilities have different needs than older adults, or children and sharing vehicles may not be appropriate in certain circumstances.
- Some organizations lack infrastructure and technology for scheduling and/or billing.
- Ride-sharing, scheduling and waiting times have become a barrier on providers, which slowed the ability to accommodate more trips.
- Little to no involvement of politicians.
- Lack of affordable 2nd and 3rd shift employment transportation, specifically transit operation hours to those common workplaces as well as lack of employer offering transportation benefits.
- Area coverage, evening and weekend hours of RCT.
- Political and geographic divisions due to city/ county boundaries and the prohibitive cost nature to serve all these areas.
- Lack of funding for out-of-county transportation needs, particularly medical.
- Challenges of maximizing existing capacity (Transit).
- Lack of volunteer services, or funding for individuals of lower income who may not be eligible for specific human services in the county.
- Liability issues/requirements, insurance and beyond when trying to obtain or expand more transportation options.

While there are challenges to implement coordination among varied transportation providers, services, and funding sources, it is important to note that coordination in Richland County has been successful, and that has a lot to do with the role of the Mobility Manager, the stakeholders in RTAC (Richland Transportation Advisory Committee) these are all challenges Richland County has faced with coordinated transportation. The county is composed of high-density population centers in the cities and villages to sparsely populated rural areas and the need to travel long distances to seek service can be a challenge to find transportation that is both economical and convenient. The RTAC continually strives to increase performance, overcome existing barriers, and eliminate any potential ones in the future. As a living document this plan will be updated with any future challenges and note the reduction or elimination of current ones.

Summary of Unmet Mobility Needs

The following table describes the unmet transportation needs that were identified and the method used to prioritize each need. Needs are listed in order of their rank in highest to lowest priority.

Exhibit 6: Prioritized Unmet Mobility Needs

Rank	Unmet Need Description	Method Used to Identify and Rank Need
1	Provide Non-Typical Transportation to offer low-income residents the ability to maintain a measure of independence outside of Transit hours	Through identification at stakeholder meeting and then through survey results
2	Increase Access & Coverage areas for transportation	Through identification at stakeholder meeting and then through public survey results
3	Improve transportation choices	Through identification at stakeholder meeting and then through public survey results
4	Out of county medical appointments	Through identification at stakeholder meeting and then through public survey results
5	Continue Coordination Efforts	Through identification at stakeholder meeting and then through public survey results

Safety

Improving safety continues to be a priority in transportation planning throughout Richland County. Pedestrian safety is essential for creating livable, accessible communities. Mobility Management actively participates in Safe Routes to School programs that promote safe walking and biking for students. Regional Planning TAC Committees play a vital role in designing policies that prioritize pedestrian needs. Investment in sidewalks and connected bicycle infrastructure enhances safety and accessibility for all ages. Mobility Management strategies further support these efforts by coordinating transportation options and addressing gaps in service. Together, these initiatives create safer, more inclusive environments, encouraging walking and cycling while reducing vehicle dependence and improving overall community health and sustainability.

V. Goals and Strategies

Developing Strategies to Address Gaps and Needs

Strategies for improving transportation for Richland County should address the service gaps and user needs identified in this plan if they are to be effective. As described, the gaps and unmet needs were based on information obtained from geographic analysis, the attendees participating in the meetings, and responses to the public survey.

Based on information gathered throughout the planning process, RTAC developed the following strategies to address the gaps and unmet transportation needs. Not all strategies are activities specifically eligible for funding under the existing programs, nor is it guaranteed that sufficient funding will be available to achieve every strategy identified. In addition, the local stakeholders will need to provide support and commit to pursuing the strategies if they are to be accomplished.

Review of Past Priorities

The list of potential priority projects from the creation of the Coordinated Plan in 2007 was reviewed by a group of local stakeholders in September 2019. Some had been completed or were no longer relevant.

Goals

Goal #1: Provide non-typical transportation: To banking, shopping, clubs, recreation, social services, etc., to offer low income/elderly/disabled residents in the community the ability to maintain a measure of independence, outside of transit hours (after 5pm)

Strategy 1.1: Explore various opportunities to seek funding and possibly pool funding to meet non-typical transportation needs.

Timeline for Implementation:

- Ongoing

Action Steps:

Short Term Strategy:

- Explore public/private partnerships, grant opportunities as well as small business & entrepreneurial incubation to help support transportation services with focus on WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) increased coordination among federal workforce development and related programs helping youth and those with significant barriers to employment.

Long Term Strategy:

- Educating on the importance of pooled services and pooled funding. (Combining multiple passengers traveling on similar routes, pooled funding allows federal, state, and local agencies to combine resources to support transportation studies)
- Seeking public transportation opportunities supported by pooled funding that includes a sliding fee scale.

Parties Responsible for Leading Implementation:

- RTAC, Human Service Agencies, Business Owners, Program/Provider leaders

Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation:

- RTAC, Mobility Manager, Commissioners

Resources Needed:

- Vehicles, Drivers, Customers, Funding

Potential Cost Range per trip: \$8.00 - \$28.00 1-way, current RTAC rates, higher if wheelchair vehicles are needed

Potential Funding Sources:

- 5310 (Contracting), Senior Levy, Private Donations, Fund Raising, CDBG, Richland Foundation, United Way

Performance Measures/Targets:

- Logging/tracking trips that are not medical/grocery/employment related to measure the volume/need.

Goal #2: Increase Access and Coverage Areas for Transportation: Providing clear transportation information that details the services available and the eligibility criteria attached to each service.

Strategy 2.1: Maintain and Improve the Mobility Manager's role in coordinating transportation.

Timeline for Implementation:

- Ongoing

Action Steps:

Short Term Strategies:

- Increase awareness of the role and capabilities of the Mobility Manager
- Continue to facilitate Coordination throughout the transportation community to provide services that will assist in elimination of transportation barriers.

Long Term Strategies:

- Continue using the Coordinated Plan as a living tool and update regularly.
- Explore the use of 5310 funds to pilot a brokering model, focusing on supporting organizations within the county experiencing barriers to connecting seniors and individuals with disabilities to viable transportation options when current resources are limited or do not exist.

Parties Responsible for Leading Implementation:

- RTAC, Referring Organizations, Transportation Providers

Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation:

- Mobility Manager, RTAC

Resources Needed:

- Computer, Website, Mobility Manager, Funding

Potential Cost Range:

- TBD based on stakeholder interest and needs

Potential Funding Sources:

- 5310, local match funding

Performance Measures/Targets:

- Quarterly updates to the coordinated plan
- 2 RTAC meetings per year to review

Strategy 2.2: Coordinating with Richland County Transit to increase Coverage Areas and Hours of Operation

Timeline for Implementation:

- 1 year for plan; implementation – ongoing

Action Steps:

Short Term Strategies:

- Participate in partnering with area agencies in developing a Transportation Development Plan.

Long Term Strategies:

- Using the Transportation Development Plan as living tool, update regularly

Parties Responsible for Leading Implementation:

- RCT, RTAC, RCRPC, Social Service Organizations, Employers, Transportation Providers

Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation:

- Social & Human Service Agencies, Employers, Transportation Providers

Resources Needed:

- Funding for consultants, data collection, public input, steering committee members

Potential Cost Range:

- \$200,000

Potential Funding Sources:

- 5307, OTP2(Ohio Transit Partnership Program), In-kind contribution, local match

Performance Measures/Targets:

- Progress reports from consultants, and a planning document with mutually determined goals and actions steps
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Goal #3: Improve Transportation Choices

Strategy 3.1: Improve Information on Transportation Choices Available to the Public

Timeline for Implementation:

- ongoing

Action Steps:

Short Term Strategies:

- Continue to improve websites for Richland County Transit information and get partner agencies to link to the website so that the information can be disseminated to the largest audience possible.

Long Term Strategies:

- Maintain an up-to-date Mobility Management Brochure to provide helpful and insightful information to the community concerning all the transportation options available to them.

Parties Responsible for Leading Implementation:

- Area Agency on Aging District 5/Mobility Manager

Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation:

- All agencies providing or requesting transportation services within the county.

Resources Needed:

- Person or firm with website design expertise
- Staff time for input on information to be included in website
- Cooperation from member agencies to include information on their websites

Potential Cost Range:

- \$500

Potential Funding Sources:

- RCRPC was able to leverage the overall redesign of the Richland County Regional Planning Commission's Website where funds were already going into designing a web site and the additional cost to expand the transit resources section was reduced for work already being completed.

Performance Measures/Targets:

- Provide easy to access and informative resource for transportation information for the county
- Have member agencies promote new resources within their informational materials

Goal #4: Out of County Medical Appointments: Provide necessary out of county medical trips when no other transportation option is available to the consumer seeking care.

Strategy 4.1: Hospitals/Non-Profits/Various Human Service Organizations will explore opportunities to seek funding or ways to raise funds to meet out-of-county medical needs.

Timeline for Implementation:

- ongoing

Action Steps:

Short Term Strategies:

- Explore options, i.e., partnerships, funding, grant opportunities as well as possible fund raising to help support out of county medical trip requests.

Long Term Strategies:

- Work with providers on negotiated rates depending on the average number of trips requested per.

Parties Responsible for Leading Implementation:

- ATAC, Agencies, Business Owners, Hospitals, Dialysis Centers

Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation:

- Mobility Manager, RTAC

Resources Needed:

- Vehicles, Drivers, Consumers, Funding

Potential Cost Range:

- \$100-\$125 round trip would be ideal, possible negotiations

Potential Funding Sources:

- Private donations, fund raising, grant opportunities

Performance Measures/Targets:

- Quarterly updates to the coordinated plan
- 2 ATAC meetings per year to review

Goal #5: Educate, Inform and Energize: Provide information, training, and activities to Richland County residents.

Strategy 5.1: Attend Organization meetings, Senior Centers, community events, and conduct events to educate, inform, energize, and train residents.

Timeline for Implementation:

- ongoing

Action Steps:

Short Term Strategies:

- Receive training and/or certifications in Travel Training, Carfit, and other training related to Mobility Management.

Long Term Strategies:

- Conduct events and training in Travel Training and Carfit.
- Sponsor programs that energize and involve Seniors and persons with a disability, i.e. Mobility Steps at The Ontario Center and walking and biking events at the B&O Bike Trail

Parties Responsible for Leading Implementation:

- Mobility Manager, Support Staff

Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation:

- Mobility Manager, Support Staff

Resources Needed:

- Training, Transportation, Funding

Potential Cost Range:

- Cost of training and wages

Potential Funding Sources:

- Grant and AAA5 support

Performance Measures/Targets:

- Sign in Sheets
- Certificates Issued

VI. Plan Adoption

Appendix A: List of Planning Committee Participants

The RTAC committee consists of representatives from local agencies as well as the participation of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and members of the public.

Agency Representation

Name	Agency
Lisa Fernadez	Adult Parole Authority
James Blevins	All American Transportation
Laura King	Apple Lane Ambulette Company
Michelle Bailey	Area Agency on Aging, District 5
Randy Hutchinson	Area Agency on Aging, District 5
Lisa McCristall	Area Agency on Aging, District 5
Trae Turner	Area Agency on Aging, District 5
Dorothy Michalovich	Butler Adult Center
Laura Montgomery	Catalyst Life Services
Lisa Rich	Catalyst Life Services
Brian Hunt	Catholic Charities
Brice Eyerly	CHAP Community Health Access Project
Mark Cacchio	Charter Next Generation Films
Cheryl Jarvis	Citizen
Susan Eckenwiller	Cleveland Cancer Center
Jessica Ringer	Dayspring Assisted Living & Care Facility
Michelle Swank	Dayspring Assisted Living & Care Facility
Shannon Hatfield	Domestic Violence Shelter
Ed & Liz Grove	Elite Medical Transport
Terry Carter	First Call 211
Greg Mead	Friendly House
Terry Conard	Friendly House
Pam Drake	Independent Living Center
Brenda Wilson	Lexington Senior Center
Dori Jacobs	Liberty Nursing Center-Mansfield
Raquel Stephens	Liberty Nursing Center-Mansfield
Alverta Williams	Mary McLeod-Bethune Center
Matthew Scruggs	North End Community Improvement Collaboration
Lisa Rich	Oasis Peer Center/Catalyst
Richard Schmidt	Ohio Department of Corrections
Julie Friebe	Ohio Health Care Management
Ashley Draper	Ohio Health Mansfield
Keith Strickler	Ontario Local Schools
Julie Enderby	Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities
Shannon Fletcher	Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities
Barrett Thomas	Richland Community Development Group
Cindy Schunatz	Richland County Job & Family Services
John Dorsey	Richland County Job & Family Services

Sherry Branham-Fonner	Richland County Mental Health
Michele Giess	Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Lyndsie Martin	Richland County Regional Planning (Regional MM)
Jean Taddie	Richland County Regional Planning/RCT
Christine Terry	Richland County Transit
Nelson Schogren	Richland Moves
Robert Bender	Salvation Army
Diane Winger	Senior Representative
Pamela Awwiller	Shelby Senior Center
Alex Goff	Third Street Family Health Services
Dennis Baker	UMADAOP
Miles Parsons	Wayfinders Ohio Inc.
Rachel Barr	Citizen
Virginia Butts	Citizen

In addition to the participants listed above, the planning committee also included representatives of older adults, people with disabilities, and members of the public. In addition to hosting a planning committee the Richland Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) conducted a wide variety of activities designed to increase involvement of community stakeholders in identifying community resources, addressing community needs, and setting goals and priorities. More information about planning committee and the efforts that occurred is available upon request. To request additional information please contact:

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The 2026-2030 Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan was approved by Richland Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) in July 2025.

Appendix B: List of Annual Reviews and Plan Amendments

It is required that this plan be reviewed by the Richland Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) annually, for the purpose of approval by the RTAC. For more information on when the next annual review will occur, how to be involved in the annual review process or to request information on how to make changes or corrections to this plan between annual reviews, please contact:

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Annual Review

An annual review will be completed on or about the 12th month following plan adoption and every 12 months thereafter. Annual reviews that occur after plan adoption, including a summary of the review meeting and a summary of any changes that are made will appear here once completed. If found that an amendment is required, the Amendment procedures below will be followed

Amendment

If during normal implementation this plan is found to require an amendment, a meeting of the RTAC will be convened and the amendment will be discussed. Public input will be solicited and if found to be warranted a vote to forward the amendment to the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. on amending the plan will take place.

Appendix C: Definitions

There are several terms used throughout the plan that may be unique to transportation providers or human service agencies. The terms are defined here for reference.

Coordination – Collaborative efforts toward understanding and meeting mobility needs in the most appropriate, cost effective, and responsive manner.

FAST Act – Congress established the funding for Federal Transit Administration programs through authorizing legislation that amends Chapter 53 of Title 49 of the U.S. Code. On December 4, 2015, President Obama signed the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, reauthorizing surface transportation programs through Fiscal Year 2020.

Gaps in Service – A break in the continuity of available transportation resources such as a break between hours of operation or a break between two or more geographic areas.

Lead Agency – The organization responsible for facilitating outreach; composing a plan that meets the requirements of current Federal and State legislation; maintaining documentation from the planning process and making it available upon request; and leading stakeholders through annual reviews, amendments, and updates of the plan. The Lead Agency is also responsible for submitting the adopted Coordinated Plan and all amendments or updates to participating stakeholders and ODOT.

Planning Committee- The Planning Committee is composed of key community stakeholders. The Planning Committee members agree to actively participate in the planning process and function as the plan advisory and adopting entity.

Ridership – The total number of passengers who boarded transportation vehicles is counted each time they boarded a vehicle.

RTAC- Richland Transportation Advisory Committee

Section 5310 Program – Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities (49 U.S.C. 5310) provides Federal formula funding for the purpose of assisting private nonprofit groups in meeting the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities when the transportation service provided is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meeting these needs. The program aims to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation options.

Section 5311 Program – The Formula Grants for Rural Areas program provides capital, planning, and operating assistance to states to support public transportation in rural areas with populations of less than 50,000 where many residents often rely on public transit to reach their destinations. The program also provides funding for state and national training and technical assistance through the Rural Transportation Assistance Program. Sub-recipients may include state or local government authorities, nonprofit organizations, and operators of public transportation or intercity bus service.


Section 5307 Program – The Urbanized Area Formula Grants program (49 U.S.C. 5307) makes federal resources available to urbanized areas and to governors for transit capital and operating assistance in urbanized areas and for transportation-related planning. An urbanized area is an incorporated area with a population of 50,000 or more.

Transportation – Transportation is broadly defined to include traditional transit, human service agency services, on-demand (taxi-like) services, bicycle and pedestrian programs and amenities.

Unmet Transportation Needs – Transportation that is wanted or desired but is not currently available.


SIGNATURE PAGE:

By signing below, I acknowledge that I approve the 2026-2030 Richland County Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan that was presented to the Richland Transportation Advisory Committee on July 29, 2025.

Randy Hutchinson  Date: 9/4/2025

Lisa McCristall  Date: 9/4/2025


Miles Parsons  Date: 9-10-2025

Shannon Fletcher  Date: 9/4/2025

Julie Enderby  Date: 9/4/2025

Nelson Shogren  Date: 9/9/2025

Jess Ringer  Date: 9-11-2025

Michele L. Gross
Vanessa Ebert  Date: 10/9/2025

Terry Carter  Date: 9-10-2025

Jean Taddie  Date: 9-12-25

Susan Eckenwiler  Date: 9-11-25

Virginia Butts  Date: 9-8-2025

Kris Knapp  Date: 9/8/2025

Laura Montgomery  Date: 09/12/2025

Julie Friebel  Date: 9-15-25

Madeline Pack NO LONGER EMPLOYED AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES Date: CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Matthew Scruggs  Date: 9/10/25

