

## Olmstead Plan Public Comment Guide: Transportation and Transit

Public comment is an opportunity to give feedback on goal drafts related to transportation and transit services. Some goal topics include flex account transportation spending, on time performance of metro region transportation services, and improving transit information access.

The full draft of the Olmstead Plan and the full text of goals can be found on the Olmstead Implementation Office [public comment period webpage](#).

### Draft goals for transportation and transit include:

#### Transportation Goal 1: Public transit will run on time.

- Lead agency: Metropolitan Council (MetC)
- This goal is about on-time performance for MetC transit services, including Metro Mobility, Metro Move, Transit Link, light rail, and fixed route buses.

#### Transportation Goal 2: People with disabilities will use fixed route public transit more often.

- Lead agency: Metropolitan Council (MetC)
- This goal is about people who use Metro Mobility services. The goal is for Metro Mobility riders to use fixed route services, like bus lines and the light rail, more often.

#### Transportation Goal 3: More people with disabilities will have flexible transportation funding.

- Lead agencies: Department of Transportation (MnDOT), supported by Department of Human Services (DHS), Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) and Department of Education (MDE)
- This goal is about a new concept for transportation funding. This program provides flexible transportation accounts to people with disabilities. Two counties in the metro area piloted this program. The program was successful in the pilots.

## **Transportation Goal 4: People with disabilities will have better access to transit information.**

- Lead agencies: MnDOT, supported by DHS
- This goal has two parts:
  - Training more caseworkers on transit resources, including what transit is available including coverage and availability. Case workers will also be trained transit service and on how to connect housing option to transportation needs.
  - Creating a digital statewide trip navigation platform. The platform will provide information on what transit is available and trip planning. The platform will initially be focused on public transit with a goal of being available to other transportation providers.

### **Discussion Questions:**

- What would make these goals more effective to improve the lives of Minnesotans with disabilities?
- What would make these goals more effective to better integrate Minnesotans with disabilities in community life?
- What's missing from these goals?