

# **NADTC All Projects Meeting Summary**

## April 16, 2025, at 2:00PM Eastern Time

## **2:00pm Welcome and NADTC Updates**

## NADTC can offer contract extensions for grantees interested in additional time to complete planning activities. The maximum extension would be through August 30, 2025. The extension does not include additional funds, merely extended time to use the previously awarded amount.

## Grantees interested in this contract extension should **notify their grant manager by April 30th** of their decision and requested extension period (1 month extension ending July 31 or 2-month extension ending August 30) to allow NADTC time for executing the contract amendment.

## **2:10pm Grantee Discussion**

**How is your agency planning to maintain engagement and communication with the people who provided input through surveys, focus groups, interviews, and community meetings? How is your transportation plan going to be shared with them?**

* Celia with Project Amistad: Their agency is the lead fiscal agent for West Texas El Paso (WTEP) Transportation Committee, which is funded by Texas DOT to engage the region in transportation planning issues. The rural transportation planning work being done with their NADTC is part of one of the subcommittees of this group. They plan to engage the larger WTEP Transportation Committee and send findings out through newsletters, providers that serve older adults and people with disabilities, formal and informal network connections, and social media channels.
* Steph with SnoTrac: They are hosting a community meeting in May to share the plan.
* Melissa with Cortland County: They will be sharing through their advisory committee and other informal communications. Crucial time for their local transportation provider, as they just transitioned to the federal authority.
* Beka with SWGRC: They will be hosting quarterly meetings with all transit committees and including with existing Georgia DOT plans for the county. Additionally, they plan to continue stakeholder involvement, workgroups to continue the work for sustainability, updates, and ongoing progress.
* Aishwarya with SMCOG: Their plans for implementation include seeking funding to support options through grants, meeting once every 2 months after planning, and making findings available on their website.
* Rob with Benzie Bus: They plan to continue with regularly scheduled meetings. They are creating a designated webpage for participants and other interested parties to stay involved and plan to include an ongoing survey on their progress.
* Jen with LIFTT: They plan to include focus group participants in ongoing engagement.
* Beth with FRCOG: As the regional planning agency they already have connections with governments, but this project added and strengthened relationships with aging partners they would like to maintain. These agency relationships are one of the ways they are going to try to stay connected to focus group participants. Given these successes, they plan to continue engaging these partners and participants for future outreach as well.
* Steve with Penquis CAP: Given that they serve a very small rural community, they are dedicated to finding ways to improve access to transportation—which this project has highlighted. They are going to look for more ways to partner with local government.
* Kelley with Aroostook: surveys and focus groups…not as much participation as hoped for; follow-up interviews with surveys and another focus group; advisory committee involvement still work in progress; monthly newsletter reinstated by agency to promote this work.
* Dorthy with The Arc: They plan to make their advisory committee meetings open to the public to encourage ongoing engagement. Throughout the project they have worked closely with veterans and older adults and have found their county aging office extremely helpful with outreach efforts. With the extension option, they are considering one more community meeting.
* NADTC: Grantees are encouraged to consider intersections with other plans like community health needs assessments (led by local health departments), Centers for Independent Living (CILs), four-year aging plans (led by area agencies on aging), and multisector plans for aging as opportunities for ongoing collaboration and possible paths to sustainability.

**What are some of the opportunities your agencies are exploring for the sustainability of the strategies identified in your transportation plans? How are your advisory committees and/or community partners supporting these efforts?**

* LIFTT: Engaged in funding through sources such as Medicaid transportation; MontanaDOT-5311 for vehicle purchase. They are considering partnerships with different organizations via MOUs, including local transit agencies.
* FRCOG: Working with their regional transit authority to find funding sources for expansion to micro transit; Massachusetts DOT has some grant opportunities for creative transit also being considered.
* The Arc: Still getting feedback and synthesizing data from surveys and community meetings. They are looking at cross-sector collaborations to help streamline little pots of funding into one for mutual benefit. Dorthy also mentioned that the feedback so far has shown a different outcome than anticipated with requests for extended hours for volunteer transit and more age and disability-friendly vehicles.
* Benzie Bus: They are looking for additional grant options and trying to find root cause issues to the challenges identified.
* Snohomish: Brock shared the importance of considering timing and deadlines if applying for additional state funding is being considered. They are looking at options for community van and volunteer services. A long-range goal for their community has been to reinstate passenger services for a rail line, but this will require advocacy and public policy change.
* Amistad: Celia reiterated Brock’s point about 5310 application timing and shared that one of the challenges with rural communities that need more transportation options is often the match requirement (50% in El Paso, Texas).
* NADTC has [several resources](https://www.nadtc.org/search/?_sf_s=5310) available on 5310, grantees are encouraged to explore our website to learn more. We will continue providing resources and ideas for sustainability in next month’s meeting.

## **2:40pm Looking Ahead: Components of Final Reports and Presentations**

* To help grantees plan and prepare for the final report and presentation we wanted to share a few reminders about deliverables, the final report, and presentation requirements.
* Major deliveries of this grant include advisory committee roster, written plan of action, final reporting, final presentations.
* The slides will be available along with this summary on the grantee hub.

## **2:55pm Wrap Up and Reminders**

* By April 30th notify NADTC Grant Manager of extension request and extension duration request.
* All meeting materials will be available on the grantee hub.
* Please complete the [survey](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cjmahoney%5CDownloads%5C%20https%5Cforms.gle%5Ch1Pn2Kodpkdzgw5K8) to let NADTC know how this meeting went and share your ideas for future meeting!