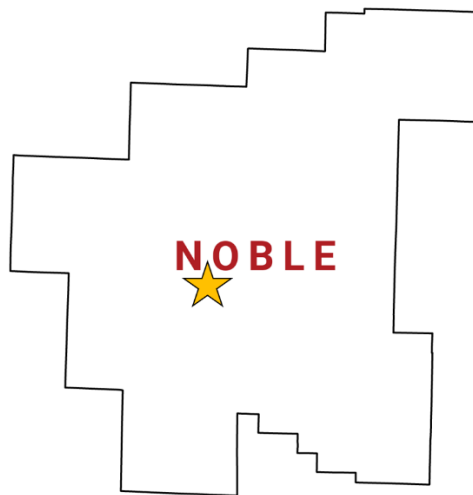


COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Noble County 2025-2029

July 2025

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Transportation

Executive Summary

This document outlines the Coordinated Transportation Plan for Noble County, Ohio, developed in 2021. The plan meets the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requirements under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, which reauthorized surface transportation programs through Fiscal Year 2020. In compliance with the FAST Act, locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plans must be regularly updated to reflect the legislative changes introduced by the Act.

The FAST Act introduced new programs and guidelines applicable to all Fiscal Year 2016 funds, authorizing transit programs for a five-year period.

A robust and accessible transportation system is vital to the communities of Noble County. Transportation ensures access to jobs, education, healthcare, and human services, empowering all residents—especially older adults, children, and individuals with disabilities—to live independently and actively participate in community life. The purpose of this plan is to encourage local stakeholders to collaborate in identifying the following:

1. Identify all community resources including:
 - Noble County Job and Family Services
 - Harp Mission
 - GMN Tri County CAC, Inc
 - Joyce M. Davis Senior Center
 - Buckeye Hills Regional Council
 - Noble County Veterans Office
 - Noble County Board of Developmental Disabilities
 - Allwell Behavioral Health Services
 - Noble County Health Department
 - Noble County EMA
 - Ohio State University Extension Office – Noble
 - Buckeye Southeast Transit
2. Identify and prioritize community transportation needs:
 - Implementation of the Noble County Coordinated Transportation Plan
 - Implementation of a Noble County Mobility Manager
 - Education and outreach of services
 - Coordination of services
3. Establish a clear plan for achieving shared goals:

Noble remains committed to coordinating efforts with all transportation providers to address the goals and priorities outlined in the coordinated transportation plan. Through strategic partnerships and shared objectives, the county, along with its cities, villages, residents, businesses, social service agencies, and transportation providers, will collaborate to achieve the plan's stated objectives. The Noble County Mobility Management program will leverage this plan as a comprehensive roadmap to guide future transportation initiatives, fostering connectivity and accessibility across the county and the broader region.

The active and meaningful involvement of stakeholders is fundamental to the Coordinated Transportation Plan process. To ensure the success of projects funded under the Section 5310 program, planning activities must include, at a minimum, the participation and/or representation of the following stakeholders:

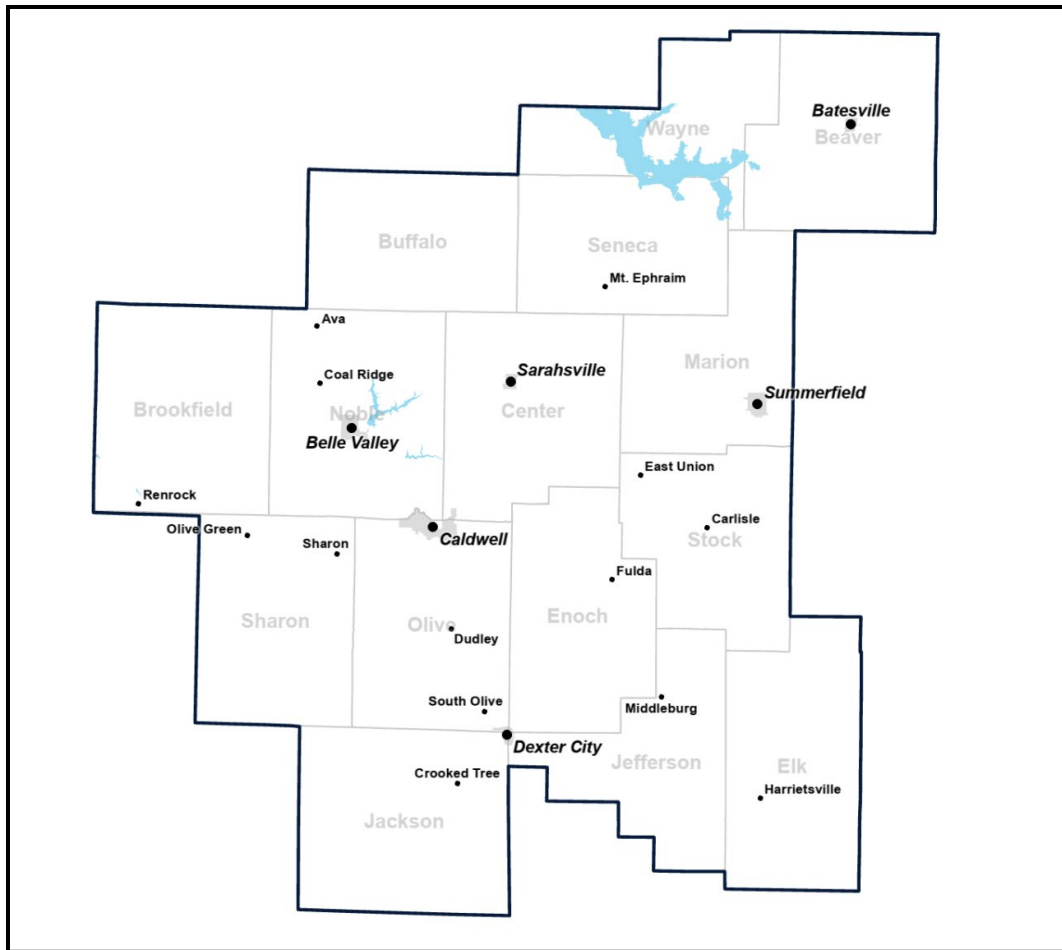
- Seniors
- Individuals with Disabilities
- People with Low Income
- Public, Private and Non-Profit Transportation Providers
- Human Service Providers
- The General Public

To foster collaboration among these individuals, the Transportation Advisory Committee leverages stakeholder involvement to ensure active participation and engagement.

Physical copies of this plan are available at the Buckeye Hills Regional Council, the Ohio Department of Transportation, and various locations throughout the county through participating Transportation Advisory Committee representative sites.

This plan was developed and adopted in coordination with the Noble County Transportation Advisory Committee and the designated Mobility Management Facilitator. More information about the Noble County Technical Advisory Committee can be found in Appendix A.

Geographic Area



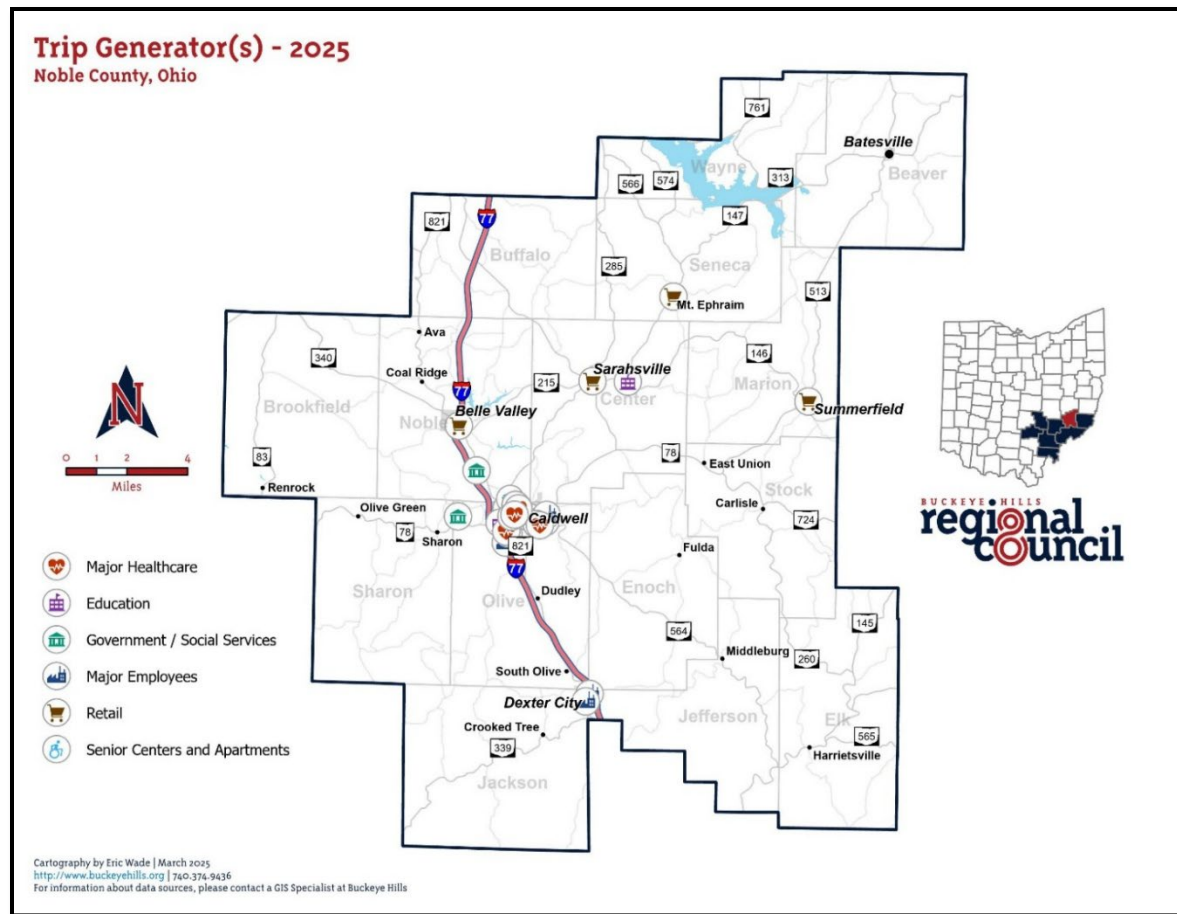
There are no cities identified in Noble County, whereas all the population centers are classified as Villages due to population size

There are six villages identified:

Batesville	Belle Valley	Caldwell (County Seat)
Dexter City	Sarahsville	Summerfield

There are twenty-five unincorporated communities:

Ava	Carlisle	Crooked Tree	Dudley	Dungannon
East Union	Elk	Florence	Fulda	Gem
Harrietsville	Hirambsburg	Honesty	Hoskinsville	Keith
Kennonsburg	Middleburg	Moundsville	Mount Ephraim	Olive Green
Rochester	Sharon	South Olive	Steamtown	Whigville



Most major trip generators in the County are located in the Village of Caldwell. This is a map of the major trip generators in Noble County including governmental offices, major shopping areas, and major employers. Notably, the county seat of Caldwell experiences significant congestion.

Major healthcare facilities including hospitals, mental health facilities, and urgent care branches included:

Allwell Behavioral Health	Caldwell Clinic	Caldwell Vision Centre	Doudna Chiropractic
Family Planning	First Settlement Physical Therapy	Noble Behavioral Health Choices, Inc	Noble County Eye Care
Noble County Health Department	Purvis Chiropractic	Ohio Health Southeast Physical Therapy	Ohio Health Southeast Physicians Group
Welch Urgent Care	Marietta Memorial Hospital Department of Primary Care	GMN Healthy Smiles Dental	Ossa Orthodontics

Major education facilities in the county include:

Caldwell exempted village School District

Noble Local School District

Major Shopping centers in the county included:

Caldwell Food Center
Emporium

Cleary's Center Grocery

Dollar General

Gillespie Drug Store

Family Dollar Store

G. L. Davis Drugs, Inc.

Liberty grocery

RJ's General Store & Café

Sarahsville General Store

Save A Lot

Shorty's Convenient Store

Major social services and governmental agencies in the county include:

BMV – Noble County

GMN Tri-County Community
Action Committee

Lutheran Social Services

Noble County Board of
Developmental Disabilities

Noble County Court House

Noble Behavioral Health
Choices

Noble County Department of
Job and Family Services

Noble County Veterans
Services

Ohio Department of
Rehabilitation and Corrections

Major Employers in the county include:

Caldwell Exempted Village
School District

Community Improvement
Corporation of Noble County

GMN Tri County Community
Action Committee

International Converter Inc.

Crock Construction

B & N Coal Co Inc.

State of Ohio – Noble County
Correctional Institution

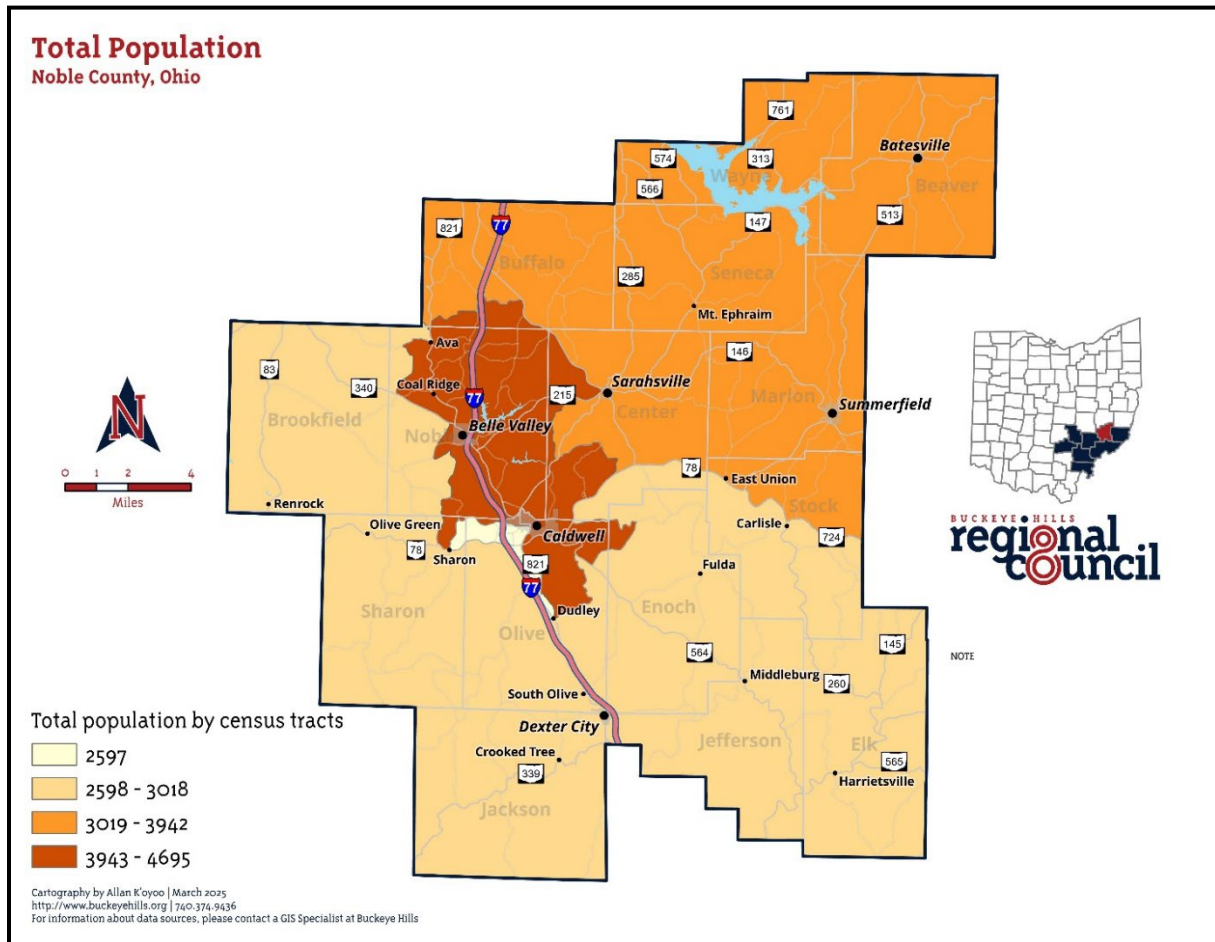
Altercare Summit Acres Inc.

MarkWest Energy Partners

Magnum Magnetics

Warren Drilling Co. Inc.

Population Demographics



Noble County, Ohio, has an evenly distributed population, with the highest concentration in the central region. This area serves as the county's hub, supporting key services and resources for residents. Approximately 4.0% of Noble County, Ohio residents aged 5 and older speak a language other than English at home.

Population by Age	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	14,216	100.0%
Under 5 years	707	5.0%
5 to 17 years	1,961	13.8%
18 to 24 years	754	5.3%
25 to 44 years	2,993	21.1%
45 to 64 years	3,760	26.4%
65 years and more	4,041	28.4%
Median Age	51.9	

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level

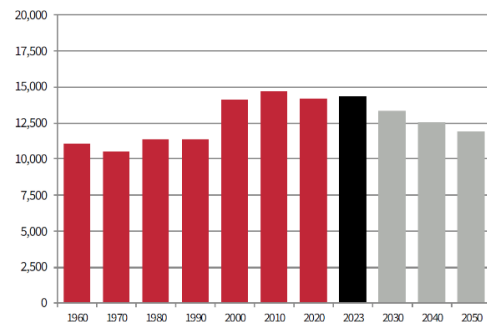
	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	12,036	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	507	4.2%
50% to 99% of poverty level	1,494	12.4%
100% to 124% of poverty level	596	5.0%
125% to 149% of poverty level	458	3.8%
150% to 184% of poverty level	479	4.0%
185% to 199% of poverty level	383	3.2%
200% of poverty level or more	8,119	67.5%

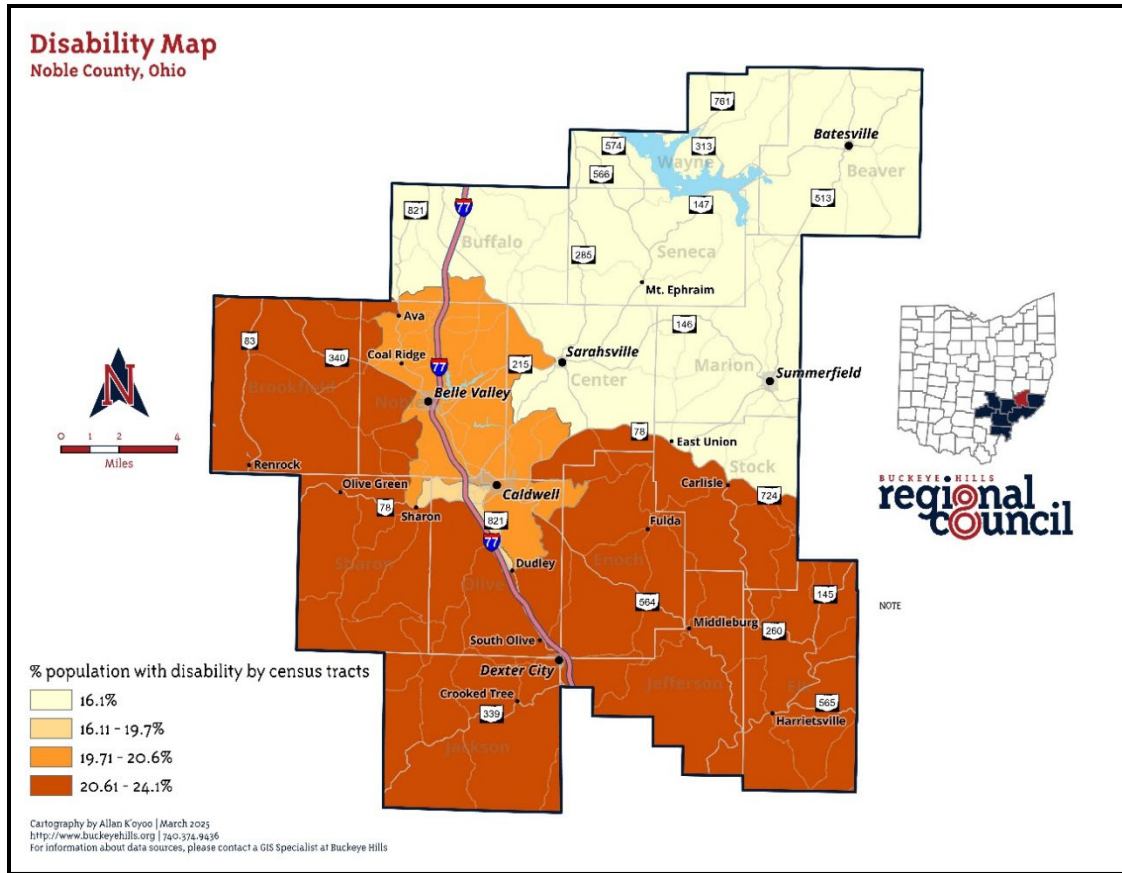
Population by Race

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	14,216	100.0%
White	13,338	93.8%
African-American	553	3.9%
Native American	19	0.1%
Asian	5	0.0%
Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Other	164	1.2%
Two or More Races	137	1.0%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	182	1.3%
Total Minority	906	6.4%

Total Population

Census			
1800		18,601	2020 14,115
1810		17,849	
1820		14,961	
1830		14,587	Estimate
1840		11,750	2023 14,311
1850		10,982	
1860	20,751	10,428	
1870	19,949	11,310	
1880	21,138	11,336	Projection
1890	20,753	14,058	2030 13,320
1900	19,466	14,645	2040 12,519
			2050 11,892



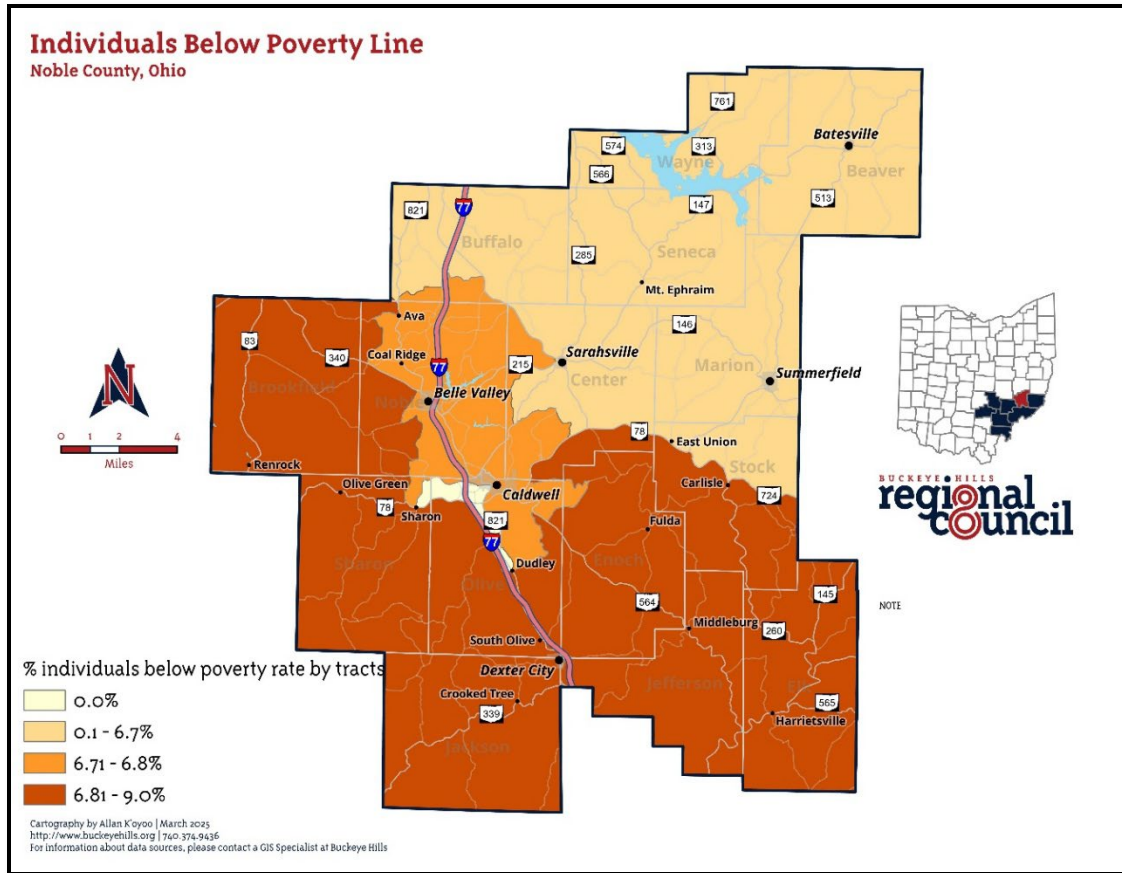


Noble County, Ohio, has a diverse distribution of individuals with disabilities across its regions. According to census tract data:

- The northeastern part of the county reports a disability rate of **16.1%**, indicating a moderate presence of individuals who may require accessibility support and specialized services.
- The central region sees a slightly higher rate, ranging from **16.11% to 19.7%**, suggesting a growing need for mobility assistance, healthcare access, and community support programs.
- The western and southern portion has the highest disability prevalence, between **20.61% and 24.1%**, highlighting a significant concentration of individuals who may benefit from targeted outreach efforts, transportation solutions, and disability-friendly resources.

These figures underscore the importance of accessible infrastructure, healthcare services, and community programs to support individuals with disabilities throughout Noble County.

Disability by type	
Hearing	838
Vision	157
Cognitive	551
Ambulatory	1289
Self-Care	212
Independent Living	1027



In Noble County, Ohio, poverty rates vary by region. The northeastern part reports 0%, while the central area sees 6.71-6.8%. The western and southern regions have the highest rates at 6.81-9.0%, highlighting economic disparities and the need for targeted support in these areas.

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	12,036	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	507	4.2%
50% to 99% of poverty level	1,494	12.4%
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185% to 199% of poverty level	383	3.2%
200% of poverty level or more	8,119	67.5%

Assessment of Available Services

Conducting a comprehensive evaluation of service provider capabilities and analyzing existing gaps and duplications in transportation resources empowers transportation planners with the insights needed to implement meaningful changes. These changes aim to strengthen the network of transportation resources and services within Noble County and across county lines.

The Noble County Transportation Committee identified key stakeholders to participate in the assessment of available services. These stakeholders included individuals who had been involved in current or past planning committees, as well as others deemed appropriate by the committee. Each identified stakeholder was provided with opportunities to comment and actively participate in the planning process.

The primary goal of this engagement was to allow stakeholders to discuss specific transportation services, gaps, needs, and priorities relevant to their service areas or communities. When applicable, data and findings from the previous coordinated plan were incorporated to supplement the information gathered during this planning effort, ensuring a comprehensive and informed approach.

INVENTORY OF TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

The following information is based on tabulations from the survey and interview results. A total of four organizations provided information about their services.

- Buckeye Southeast Transit
- Go Bus
- GMN Tri-County CAC, Inc.
- Noble County Veterans Service Commission

LIST OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES PROVIDERS

Agency Name: GMN Tri-County CAC Senior Services
Transportation Service Type: Senior Transportation
Other Services Provided: Senior Services
Assistance Contact Information: 740-732-5129
Hours: 8:00 am – 2:00 pm, Monday - Friday
Services Area: Noble County
Eligibility Requirements: 60 years of age and up
Website: www.gmntrico.org

Agency Name: Noble County Veteran Service Commission
Transportation Service Type: VA Medical Appointments
Other Services Provided: VA Claims/Financial Assistance
Assistance Contact Information: 740-732-5567
Hours: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday - Friday
Services Area: Noble County
Eligibility Requirements: Must be a Noble County Veteran
Website: www.noblecountyveteranservice.com

Agency Name: Buckeye Southeast Transit
Transportation Service Type: Public Transit
Other Services Provided: N/A
Assistance Contact Information: 740-962-9125
Hours: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday
Services Area: Morgan, Noble, Monroe
Eligibility Requirements: www.buckeyesoutheast.com

Agency Name: Go Bus
Transportation Service Type: Fixed-route, Intercity Bus
Other Services Provided: ADA Accessibility
Assistance Contact Information: 888-954-6287
Hours: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday (varies by county)
Services Area: Greater Ohio
Eligibility Requirements: N/A
Website: <https://ridegobus.com/>

The table below provides a summary of the characteristics of the participating transportation providers and organizations that purchase transportation on behalf of consumers. The participating organizations provide a wide range of transportation. All the participating organizations provide services on weekdays. Evening services after 4:00 p.m. is not available at this time. The next table depicts the transportation service characteristics by agency.

Organizational Characteristics							
Agency Name	Directly Operates Transportation	Purchases Transportation	Legal Authority	# one-way Passenger Trips Annually	Avg. Weekly Trip Denials	Vehicles Only Available for HS	# of Vehicles
GMN Tri County CAC, Inv.	Senior Services	Senior Services	GMN Tri-County CAC, Inc.	2978	N/A	Yes	1- ADA, 1- Non ADA
Noble County Veteran Services Commission	Partnership with Senior Citizens and VA	Free to Veteran	Veterans Service Commission	406	N/A	Yes	3- Non ADA
Buckeye Southeast Transit	Yes	No	Government	180 Weekly	3	No	7- ADA
Go Bus	Yes	Yes	Hocking Athens Perry Community Action (HAPCAP)	1400	N/A	No	N/A

*Answering "Yes" indicates that the agency is closed door. An agency is considered closed door if they only provide transportation to their facility as a courtesy or if they only serve a particular clientele that are enrolled in their agency programs (i.e., members of a sheltered workshop, or residents in a nursing home). Answering "No" indicates that the agency is open door. This means the service is open to the public or a segment of the general public defined by age, disability, or low income. For example, if an agency provides general transportation for anyone in the community who is over the age of 60, they are considered "open door;" an individual who is 60 or over can request transportation to a doctor's appointment or the grocery store regardless of their affiliation with the agency.

The participating organizations provide a wide range of transportation options. All the participating organizations provide services on weekdays. There are no services that operate after 5:00 pm at this time. The next table depicts the transportation service characteristics by agency.

Transportation Service Characteristics					
Agency Name	Mode of Service	Days & Hours of Operation	Provides Medicaid-Eligible Trips (Y/N)	Level of Passenger Assistance Provided	Training Courses Required for Drivers
GMN Tri County CAC, Inv.	Senior Services	Monday-Friday 8am - 2pm	No	Door to Door, with Assist	DRIVE, First Aid, CPR
Noble County Veteran Services Commission	Veterans Services	Monday-Friday- 8am-4pm	No	Curb to Curb, Assistance upon request	VA Background Check, Written Examination including Defensive Driving, Physical
Buckeye Southeast Transit	Public	Monday-Friday 8am-5pm	Yes	Curb to Curb, Assistance upon request	Defensive Driving, CPR, First Aid; PAT, Bloodborne Pathogens
Go Bus	Fixed-route, Inter-city Bus	Monday-Friday 8am-4pm Stops vary per county	No	ADA Accessibility	Emergency Evacuation Procedures, Defensive Driving, Sensitivity Training, Passenger Assistance Training, Drug and Alcohol, CPR, First Aid, Bloodborne Pathogen, Wheelchair Securement

Transportation – related expenses and revenues also differ by organization. The Federal Transit Administration, Ohio Department of Transportation, county and city resources, grants, fares and donations are common revenue sources for transportation operators in Noble County. The table below provides a summary of expenses and revenues for public and non-profit transportation programs.

Transportation-Related Expenses and Revenues						
Agency Name	Fare Structure	Donation Accepted (Y/N)	# of Full-Time & Part-Time Drivers	# of Full-time & Part-time Schedulers/Dispatchers	Revenue Sources (most recent Fiscal Year)	Total Annual Transportation Expenses
GMN Tri County CAC, Inv.	Donations Accepted	Yes	3 Part-Time Drivers	2 Scheduler/Dispatchers	Senior Levy, Title XX	N/A
Noble County Veteran Services	Government	No	5 Part-time	1	Veterans Service	30,252 (Annual)
Buckeye Southeast Transit	(one-way) In-County \$1.00 Out of County 0-50 miles \$5.00, 50-100 miles \$10.00, over 100 miles \$25.00	No	2 - Full-time & 7 Part-time	3 - Full-time 1 - Part-time	5311, 5339, Contract Revenue	127,536 (6month)
Go Bus	Varies by distance	No	Contract services	Contract Services	5311 (F)	8,710,354

The table below outlines alternative transportation options beyond traditional public human services transportation. Currently, no such options are available.

Alternative/Active Transportation Options				
Transportation Resources	Availability	Cost	Usage	Service Area
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

The table below provides basic information about local travel training programs.

Transportation Resources				
Transportation Resources	Availability	Cost	Usage	Service Area
Noble County Mobility Manager	5 days a week Monday-Friday	Free	Community Members	Noble County

The table below illustrates the technology used by each transportation provider for scheduling, dispatching, and/or GPS tracking vehicles.

Technology				
Agency Name	Name of Scheduling Software	Do you have an App for Transportation (Y/N)?	Name of Dispatching Software	AVL System/GPS (Y/N)
GMN Tri County CAC, Inv.	Paper Based	No	Paper Based	N/A
Noble County Veteran Services Commission	Paper Based	No	Paper Based	N/A
Buckeye Southeast Transit	CTS Tripmaster	No	CTS Tripmaster	Yes
Go Bus	TBN Drives	Yes	TBN Drives	Yes

Lack of transportation has long been a significant challenge for individuals living in poverty, particularly in rural areas like Noble County, where public transportation options are limited. Recognizing this critical issue, Noble County has a longstanding commitment to supporting transportation initiatives and addressing the region's transportation needs.

To further these efforts, Noble County partnered with Buckeye Hills Regional Council (BHRC), and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) launching the Noble County Mobility Management program in 2021. This program is led by the Washington County Mobility Manager, a position focused on:

- Increasing understanding and awareness of community transportation needs.
- Promoting awareness of existing transportation options and programs.
- Expanding transportation services within the region.
- Assisting individuals in accessing all available community transportation resources.
- Building partnerships with local transportation agencies, veteran services, and hospitals.

With strong support from the County and the Transportation Advisory Committee, a strategic plan has been set into motion to achieve the program's goals. Noble County's enduring recognition of transportation challenges, combined with the partnerships and collaborations established over the years, continues to foster widespread support for transportation initiatives. These efforts are paving the way for meaningful improvements in the region's transportation network, benefiting residents and enhancing access to essential services.

SAFETY

The safety of transporting is a top priority for the agencies providing transportation in Noble County. To ensure the well-being of clients, all drivers undergo thorough screening and comprehensive training to deliver the safest possible transportation.

Driver training programs include:

- **First Aid/CPR:** Equipping drivers to respond effectively to medical emergencies.
- **Defensive Driving:** Teaching strategies to prevent accidents and navigate roads safely.
- **DRIVE:** Enhancing overall driving skills and operational awareness.
- **Bloodborne Pathogens:** Educating drivers on proper protocols to handle potential exposure safely.
- **Passenger Assistance Training (PAT):** Focusing on client care and support during transit.
- **Wheelchair Securement:** Ensuring passengers using mobility devices are transported safely.
- **Sure-Lok System:** Training on securement systems to enhance safety for passengers with special needs.

By implementing these robust training programs, transportation agencies in Noble County demonstrate their unwavering commitment to the safety and security of their passengers.

SUMMARY OF EXISTING RESOURCES

Noble County Department of Job and Family Services

46049 Marietta Rd., Caldwell, OH 43724

<https://noblecountyohio.gov/noble-county-department-of-job-family-services/>

740-732-2392

Noble County Department of Developmental Disabilities

46049 Marietta Rd., Caldwell, OH 43724

<https://www.ncbdd.org/>

740-732-7144

Allwell Behavioral Health

44020 Marietta Rd., Caldwell, OH 43724

<https://www.allwell.org/>

740-732-5233

Noble County Health Department

44069 Marietta Rd., Caldwell, OH 43724

<https://noblecohd.org/>

740-732-4958

Ohio State University – OSU Extension Noble County

46049 Marietta Rd Suite 2, Caldwell, OH 43724

<https://extension.osu.edu/noble-county-office>

740-732-5681

Joyce M Davis Senior Center

300 Cumberland St., Caldwell, OH 43724

<https://gmntrico.org/>

740-732-5129

Noble County EMA

305 Railroad St., Caldwell, OH 43724

<https://webeoctraining.dps.ohio.gov/ohiocountyEMADirectorList/>

740-732-7387

GMN Tri-County CAC, Inc

615 North St., Caldwell, OH 43724

<https://gmntrico.org/>

740-732-2388

Buckeye Hills Regional Council

2585 Glendale Rd., Marietta, OH 43750

<https://buckeyehills.org/>

800-331-2644

Bureau of Motor Vehicles – Noble Office

401 West St., Caldwell, OH 43724

<https://noblecountyohio.gov/noble-county-deputy-registrar-license-agency-and-title-bureau/>

740-732-5571

Harp Mission

309 Bridge St., Caldwell, OH 43724

<https://www.harpcaldwell.org/>

740-365-0052

Noble Behavioral Health Choices

18003 Woodsfield Rd., Caldwell, OH 43724

<https://www.treatmentcentersdirectory.com/Ohio/Caldwell/noble-behavioral-health-choices-inc>

740-732-5988

Noble County Veterans Services

190 Courthouse Room 1A, Caldwell, OH 43724

<https://www.noblecountyveteranservice.com/>

740-732-5567

Assessment of Transportation Needs and Gaps

To gain a comprehensive understanding of transportation needs in Noble County, the Transportation Advisory Committee conducted extensive research and engaged with the community to identify service gaps. Demographic and socio-economic conditions of the study area are detailed in the Demographics Chapter of this plan. This overview evaluates transportation service gaps using geographic data and insights from targeted populations, transportation providers, and the general public.

The Advisory Committee actively reached out to stakeholders across the county, inviting input and participation from organizations potentially impacted by the coordinated transportation planning process. Details about stakeholder and public engagement efforts by the lead agency are available upon request.

Methods Used to Assess Transportation Needs and Gaps:

- Analysis of data and demographic trends.
- Virtual public meetings to gather community input.
- Surveys targeting older adults, individuals with disabilities, and the general public.

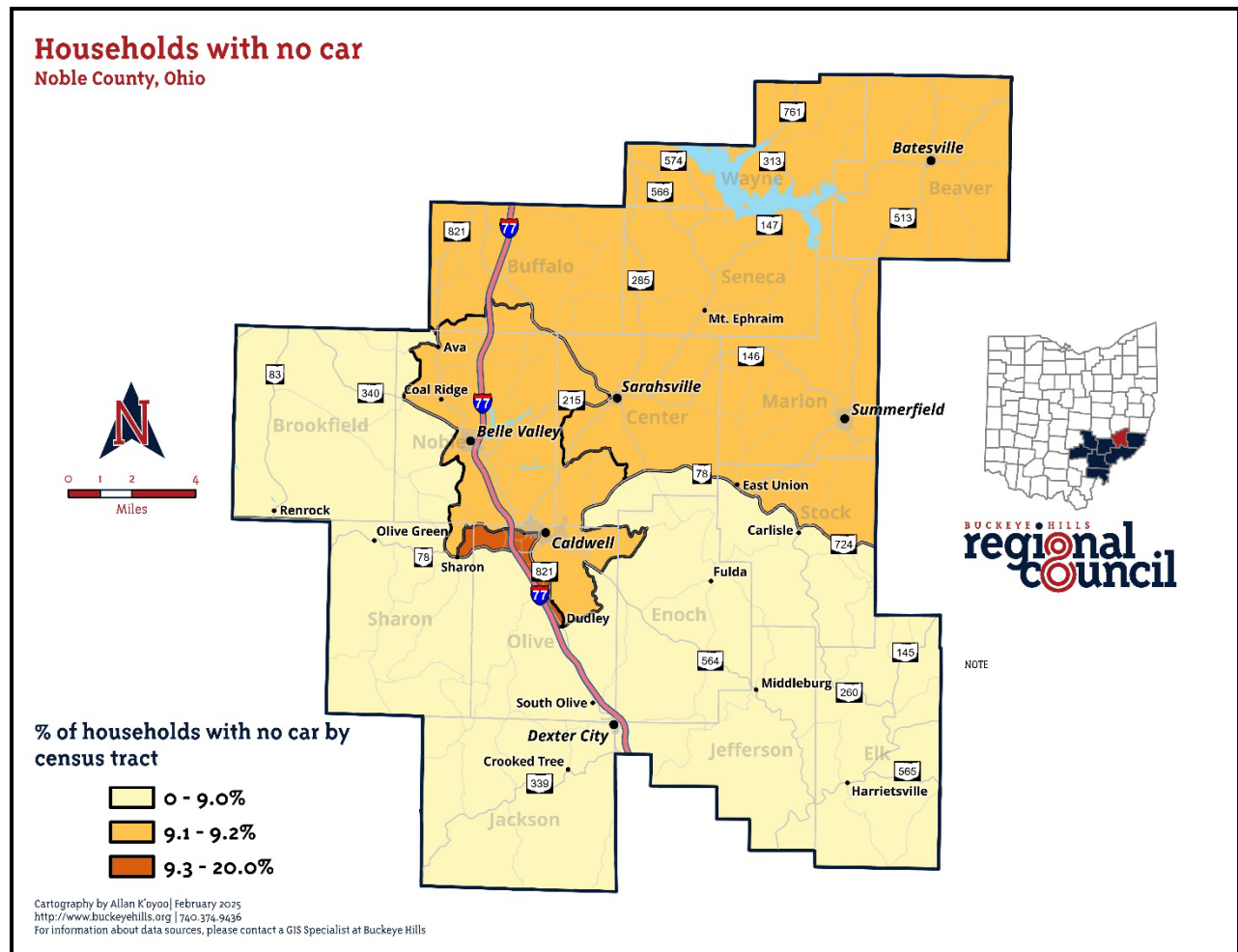
This collaborative approach ensures the plan addresses the unique challenges of Noble County's transportation system.

LOCAL DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIO-EXONOMIC DATA

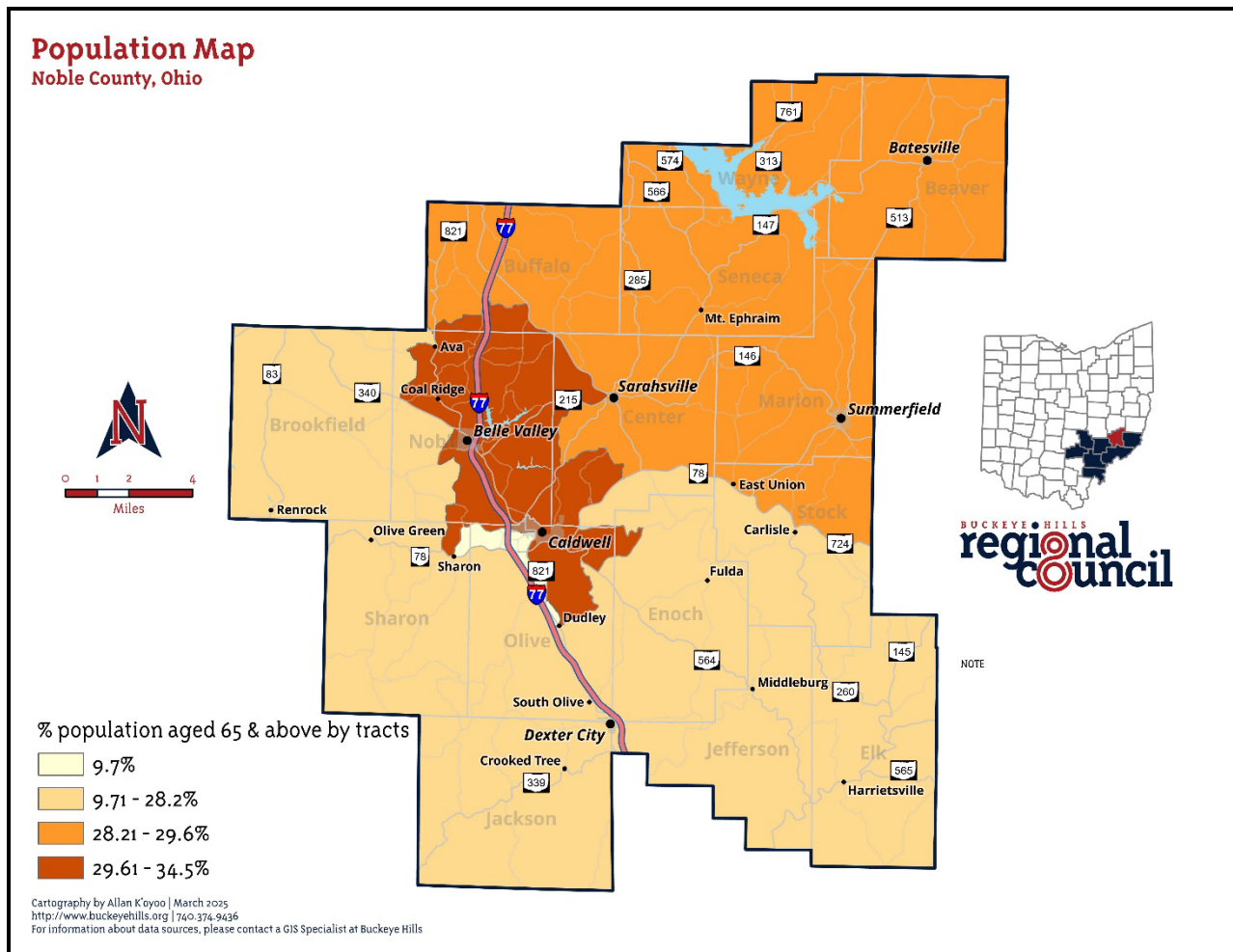
Demographic and socio-economic data for each target population group were aggregated by Census Tracts to support transportation analysis. This data is critical for identifying areas with the highest and lowest concentrations of individuals most likely to require transportation. By comparing this information to the locations of (1) major trip generators and (2) existing transportation services, planners can better identify and address gaps in service.

Households with no car

Noble County, Ohio



The map above highlights areas in Noble County, Ohio, where households lack access to a vehicle, often signaling a need for transit and transportation services. The central tract, including the county seat of Caldwell, and the northeastern portion of the county have the highest concentration of zero vehicle households, ranging from 9.1% to 20%. This lack of personal transportation can significantly impact residents' access to employment, healthcare, and essential services. Given these figures, the map underscores the importance of expanding or enhancing transit programs to better serve these communities and improve mobility options.



The map above highlights the distribution of residents aged 65 and older in Noble County, Ohio. The northeastern regions have the second highest concentration at 5.0-5.2%, while the southwestern portion has the highest at 5.3-7.3%. In contrast, the central region has the lowest percentage, ranging from 3.9-4.9%. This data emphasizes the need for expanded and improved transit services to support the aging population, ensuring better access to healthcare, essential services, and resources.

GENERAL PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS/FOCUS GROUPS

On behalf of Noble County, Buckeye Hills Regional Council Mobility Management staff collaborated with the 28 Transportation Advisory Group members to identify transportation needs and gaps in mobility services. Over the past year, an average of 12 members participated in the four annual meetings. Detailed information on the meeting schedule and attendance is available upon request. There are 4 seniors and 1 disabled on the committee at this time.

During the meetings, Mobility Manager Julia Hinzman facilitated discussions, presenting highlights from the previous Coordinated Transportation Plan. She reviewed activities from that plan that addressed unmet transportation needs and service gaps in the county, showcasing how those initiatives and best practices were implemented to improve mobility in Noble County.

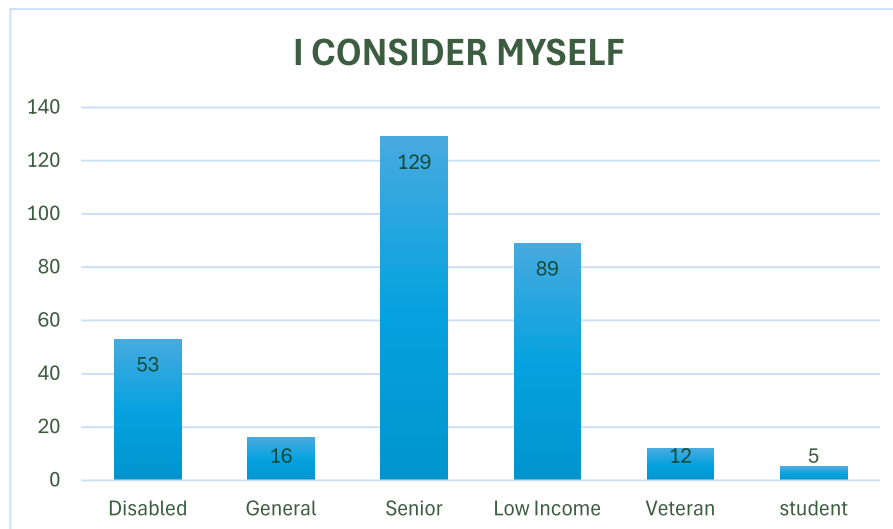
Recently, stakeholders were invited to contribute suggestions regarding observed transportation needs and gaps, with a focus on older adults, individuals with disabilities, and people with low income. While the primary focus was on these groups, many of the issues discussed also had a broader impact on the general public, including the clients served by the stakeholders.

Once the list of needs and gaps was developed, it was presented to the committee for review and prioritized accordingly. These needs and gaps were then translated into five strategic goals aimed at addressing, preserving, avoiding, or eliminating transportation challenges through coordinated service efforts. The exhibit at the end of this section provides a summary of the unmet mobility needs discussed in the meetings, along with findings from the survey results.

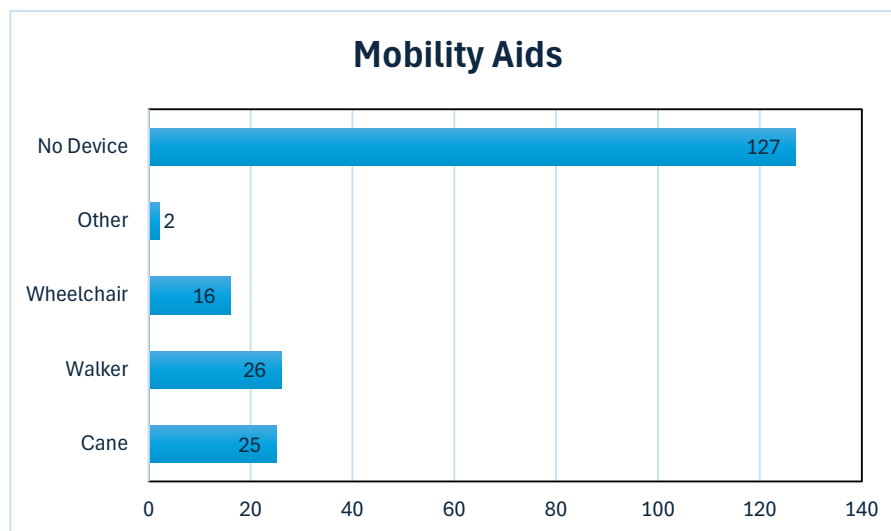
SURVEYS

The Noble County Transportation Advisory Committee created a public engagement survey to gain insights into the transportation needs of county residents from the public's perspective. A key focus of the survey was to capture input from older adults and individuals with disabilities. The survey received 194 responses: 53 respondents reported having disabilities, and 129 identified as older adults. This represents approximately 1.36 % of the total population surveyed. Respondents were allowed to select multiple answers or leave questions unanswered to ensure a more comprehensive response. As a result, some percentages and totals may not align with the overall number of respondents. A copy of the survey is available in the appendix, and both collective and individual responses can be provided upon request.

While the survey was designed to focus on populations likely to include older adults, it captured a broad range of ages. The chart on the next page illustrates this distribution. While the largest group of respondents was aged 65 and older, there was a fairly even representation across the 18-64 age range, with the 51-64 age group being the next largest. This age distribution allowed for a comprehensive understanding of the needs of the senior population, while providing valuable insights into the transportation needs of those under 65.

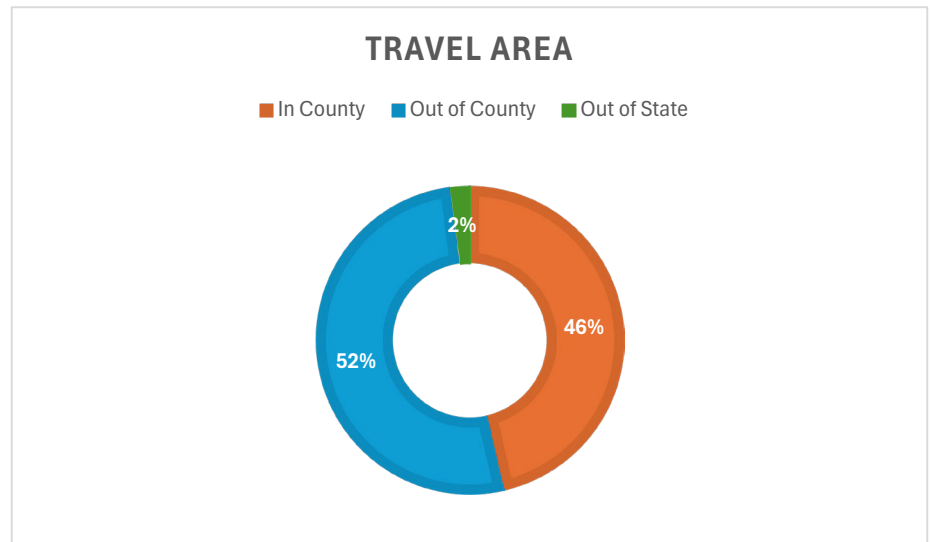


A large number of the respondents identified as low income, while a significant portion identified as seniors and/or individuals with disabilities, which aligns with the earlier finding that many respondents were 65 or older. Given the high number of senior and disabled respondents, it was also important to understand their use of assistive devices in daily activities. About 64% of respondents reported not using any assistive devices, while 13% use a cane, 8% use a walker, and 9% use another device. These findings highlight the transportation challenges faced by residents, including difficulty reaching public transit stops or the need for handicap-accessible vehicles. See chart below.



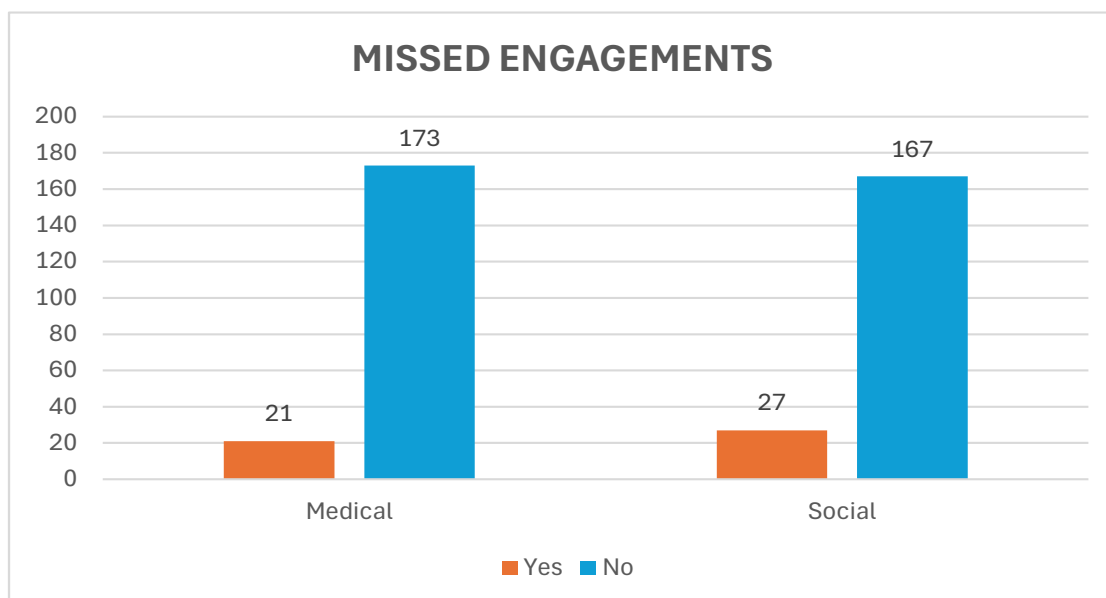
Of the 182 respondents, the most requested service extension was Saturday service (54 respondents, **29%**), followed by later hours (29 respondents, **15%**), Sunday service (44 respondents, **23%**), and early morning hours (33 respondents, **17%**). These results indicate a strong demand for expanded service days and more flexible operating hours.

To better understand the community's transportation needs, it's essential to identify key destinations and the times when public transportation is required, as well as the cities people travel to. The chart below illustrates the number of individuals who remain in-county versus those who travel out of county or out of state for medical appointments, with the largest share traveling out of Noble County.



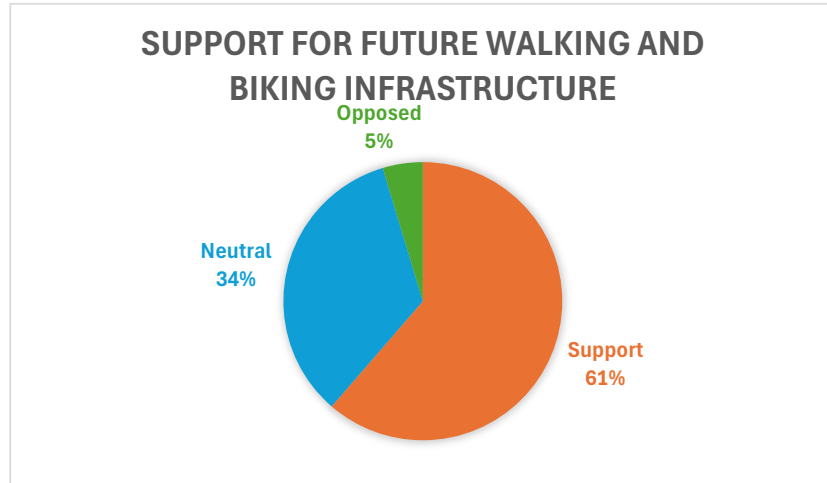
Given that Noble County lacks a hospital and has only one urgent care facility, it's crucial to understand where medical appointments are located, how frequently they occur, and whether transportation is a barrier. According to the survey, 52% of residents need to travel outside the county for medical appointments on a monthly basis. In contrast, only 46% rarely or never travel outside for medical care. 20% reported having appointments once a year, 37% once a month, and 10% once a week, indicating that most non-emergency medical appointments requiring transportation are located outside the county.

Access to medical care is critical, and only 10% of respondents reported missing appointments due to transportation issues—a decrease that suggests improvement with the implementation of new transportation services. However, it remains unclear whether missed appointments were due to full-capacity providers or a lack of awareness about available transportation options. Additionally, missed social events were also surveyed, with 14% of respondents indicating they have missed a social event due to transportation barriers. See chart below for details.

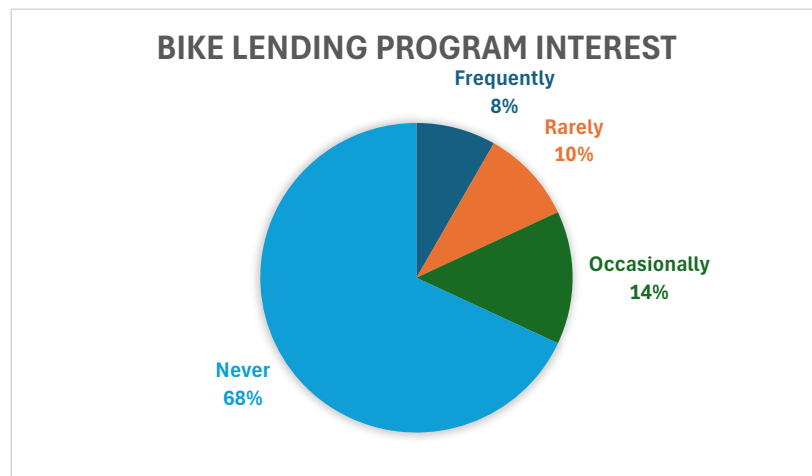


To effectively assist the community, it is important to understand where residents currently get their transportation information. Most rely on calling providers, while others use local newspapers, transportation websites, or ask friends and family. These sources should be considered for targeted mobility management marketing efforts.

A new question in the survey asked respondents whether they would support future investments in walking and biking infrastructure in their community. The results show that 61% of respondents support these investments, with a 34% remaining undecided and only a small number expressing opposition. These findings suggest generally favorable attitudes toward improving active transportation options, while also highlighting an opportunity for further education and engagement with those who are uncertain.



Additionally, the survey asked respondents whether they would use a bicycle lending program if one were available in their county, and how often they might use it. Among this primarily senior population, the largest share indicated they would never use such a program, while a smaller number stated they would be willing to use it. These



results suggest limited anticipated demand overall within the surveyed group, while still indicating some interest that could be explored further with a younger population, depending on program design and accessibility.

FINAL INSIGHTS AND ANALYSIS OF DATA: GENERAL PUBLIC SURVEYS

Clients in rural areas of the County have limited access to transportation options, making it difficult to reach jobs, medical appointments, and shopping centers. Many are unaware of the available transportation services or how to utilize them. The lack of reliable and transportation is a significant barrier, particularly for individuals working second-shift jobs or those requiring travel after hours and on weekends, when public transit services are often unavailable or operate on limited schedules. Many individuals require frequent transportation for medical appointments, sometimes outside the County.

A Noble County Mobility Manager is crucial for educating residents about transportation options and increasing community awareness. This role must be accessible and trusted. Survey results reinforce this as a continued need, with many respondents indicating a lack of awareness about available services and where transportation can take them.

Plan Strategies and Goals:

- Expand and Improve Accessible Transportation
- Increase Community Awareness and Knowledge of Transportation
- Support Economic and Workforce Development Through Accessible Transportation
- Enhance Safety and Sustainability for Vulnerable Populations
- Strengthen Mobility Management and Service Connection

CHALLENGES TO COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION

In addition to identifying gaps and needs, the Transportation Advisory Committee gathered insights from the public, stakeholders, and their own professional experience to identify challenges in providing coordinated transportation services. These challenges included:

- Public awareness of transportation options.
- Funding for expansion of services.
- Lack of capacity for service provisions.

SUMMARY OF UNMET MOBILITY NEEDS

The following table describes the unmet transportation needs and methods used to identify each need.

Summary of Unmet Mobility Needs		
	Unmet Need Description	Method Used to Identify & Rank Need
1	Expand and Improve Accessible Transportation	Use Surveys, Noble County Transportation Providers & Advisory Committee
2	Increase Community Awareness and Knowledge of Transportation Options	Use Surveys, Noble County Transportation Providers & Advisory Committee
3	Support Economic and Work Force Development through Accessible	Use Surveys, Noble County Transportation Providers & Advisory Committee
4	Enhance Safety and Sustainability for Vulnerable Populations	Use Surveys, Noble County Transportation Providers & Advisory Committee
5	Strengthen Mobility Management and Service Coordination	Use Surveys, Noble County Transportation Providers & Advisory Committee

DEVELOPING STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS GAPS AND NEEDS

To be effective, strategies for improving transportation in Noble County must directly address the service gaps and user needs identified in this plan. These gaps and unmet needs were determined through geographic analysis, feedback from meeting attendees, and responses to the public survey.

Based on the information gathered during the plan development process, the Noble County Transportation Advisory Committee has developed the following strategies to address the identified gaps and unmet transportation needs. Each strategy is prioritized by considering available funding sources and the level of importance placed on the need by the public and stakeholders. Not all strategies align with current funding eligibility, and sufficient funding may not always be available to fully implement every strategy. Additionally, local stakeholders must provide support and actively pursue these strategies to ensure their success. However, these strategies have been tailored to address the five primary gaps and needs identified.

Goals and Strategies

Goal 1: Expand and Improve Accessible Transportation:

Description: Expanding and improving accessible transportation by assessing gaps involves identifying unmet needs and enhancing community connectivity-

Timeline for Implementation: Present to completion of goals: Varies

Parties Responsible for leading Implementation: Noble County Mobility Manager

Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation: Noble County Mobility Manager, Buckeye Hills Regional Council, Noble County Advisory Committee

Resources Needed: Continued funding of the Mobility Management program

Potential Cost Range: Varies

Potential Funding Sources: Ohio Department of Transportation, Noble County Board of Developmental Disabilities and Noble County Commissioners

Performance Measures/Targets:

- Quarterly mobility management reports.
- Increased utilization of transportation assets and programming.
- Completion of goals as listed in Noble County Coordinated Plan.

Strategy 1. Assessing Transportation Gaps:

Action Steps:

- **Assessing Transportation Gaps:** Surveys and focus groups will be conducted to identify the transportation challenges faced by individuals needing services, including special accommodations. (Ex: bariatric transport, hearing-impaired, cot service) This will involve engaging with community members to gather insights on their experiences and needs.
- **Developing a Transportation Network:** Partnering with neighboring counties to create a comprehensive transportation system that connects individuals to medical facilities, specialists, and essential services across county lines. This network will include scheduled shuttle services, ride-sharing options, and partnerships with local transportation providers.
- **Promoting Awareness and Education:** Continuation of outreach campaigns to inform residents about available transportation options and how to access them. This will involve distributing educational materials through community centers, healthcare providers, and social services organizations.
- **Advocate for funding** at the local, state, and federal levels to support driver recruitment, training programs, and additional vehicles, highlighting transit needs and community impact.

Strategy 2. Improving Wait, Comfort and Accessibility

Action Steps:

- **Identify Key Locations:** To determine optimal bus stop/bench locations, analyze ridership data provided by transportation providers, conduct community surveys, and assess high-traffic areas near essential services.
- **Conduct Accessibility Review:** Ensure proposed sites are accessible for all users, including individuals with disabilities and seniors, meeting ADA compliance.
- **Coordinate with Local Authorities:** Work with city planners, zoning departments, and transportation agencies to approve sites and address permitting or regulatory requirements.
- **Plan Safety Measures:** Include features like benches, shelters, lighting, and signage; ensure stops are safe and well-lit.

Strategy 3: Cross-County Connections:

Action Steps:

- **Map key destinations** in other counties, such as hospitals, large employers, and shopping centers, and determine the best routes to connect these with local communities.
- **Develop partnerships** with employers, healthcare providers, and educational institutions to connect rural and underserved areas to essential services.
- **Collaborate with neighboring counties and transit authorities** to assess the feasibility of cross-county routes, while advocating for these services through a targeted communication campaign to inform residents about expanded transportation options.

Strategy 4: Extend service hours and days:

Action Steps:

- **TAC Focus Groups:** Organize a focus group with key demographics (e.g., seniors, individuals with disabilities, low-income families) to discuss their transportation challenges and preferences regarding service hours.
- **Collaborate with Transportation Providers:** Meet with local transit agencies and transportation providers to discuss findings and explore the feasibility of extending service hours/days.
- **Involve Community Organizations:** Engage local healthcare providers, social service agencies, and community groups to gather input and support for the initiative.
- **Explore funding sources** to support the extended hours, such as grants, partnerships, or community fundraising through the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG).

Strategy 5. Preservation and Expansion of Existing Transportation Services in County:

Action Steps:

- **Support Public Transportation Providers** and assist in potentially identifying local match funding for sustainability.

- **Promote the success of the programs** through community events, and outreach to raise awareness of its benefits and gather additional support for sustaining vital transportation services.
- **Evaluate Current Ridership Patterns:** Work with transportation providers to gather data on ridership, popular routes, peak times, underserved areas, and denial rates to identify service strengths, gaps, and opportunities.

Goal 2: Increase Community Awareness and Knowledge of Transportation Options:

Description: Increasing community awareness and knowledge of transportation options is a vital strategy for ensuring that all residents, especially seniors, individuals with disabilities, and low-income populations, can easily access available transit services

Timeline for Implementation: Present to completion of goals: Varies

Parties Responsible for leading Implementation: Noble County Mobility Manager

Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation: Noble County Mobility Manager, Buckeye Hills Regional Council, Noble County Advisory Committee

Resources Needed: Continued funding of the Mobility Management program

Potential Cost Range: Varies

Potential Funding Sources: Ohio Department of Transportation, Noble County Board of Developmental Disabilities and Noble County Commissioners

Performance Measures/Targets:

- Quarterly mobility management reports.
- Increased utilization of transportation assets and programming.
- Completion of goals as listed in Noble County Coordinated Plan.

Strategy 1. Launch Public Awareness Campaigns and Develop Accessible Resources:

Action Steps:

- **Utilize local media outlets** such as community newspapers, radio stations, social media, and TV channels.
- **Promotion during community events** health fairs, senior expos, and local gatherings where targeted populations are likely to attend.
- **Distribute posters, brochures, and flyers** in strategic locations.
- **Collaborate with community leaders** and influencers who can spread awareness through word of mouth, especially within senior and disability advocacy groups.

- **Monitor and Update Resources:** Regularly review and update the transportation information resources to reflect any changes in services, hours, or policies. Ensure that all formats remain accessible and relevant.
- **Transportation training** programs for seniors and individuals with disabilities, teaching them how to navigate the transit system.
- **Continue service partnerships** with healthcare providers and social services to ensure coordinated transit for medical appointments, especially for seniors and those with mobility challenges.

Strategy 2. Engage in Community Surveys and Outreach:

Action Steps:

- **Design surveys** that ask about transportation preferences, challenges, and unmet needs.
- **Conduct outreach at community hubs** such as senior centers, health clinics, and food banks to directly gather feedback from targeted populations.
- **Partner with social service agencies** to distribute surveys and engage clients, helping to increase response rates and gather comprehensive data.
- **Analyze feedback with TAC** to identify common transportation barriers and opportunities for improvement, using this data to inform decision-making.

Strategy 3. Collaborate with Community Organizations:

Action Steps:

- **Increase partnerships:** that align with transportation goals, such as Area Agency on Aging, senior centers, Doctor's offices, disability advocacy groups, and local nonprofits.
- **Monitor and Evaluate Collaboration:** Regularly assess the effectiveness of partnerships and programs, gathering feedback from both organizations and community members to make necessary improvements.

Goal 3: Support Economic and Workforce Development through Accessible Transportation

Description: Accessible transportation plays a crucial role in supporting economic and workforce development by providing reliable and affordable transit options that connect individuals to job opportunities, education, job training, and essential services.

Timeline for Implementation: Present to completion of goals: Varies

Parties Responsible for leading Implementation: Noble County Mobility Manager

Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation: Noble County Mobility Manager, Buckeye Hills Regional Council, Noble County Advisory Committee

Resources Needed: Continued funding of the Mobility Management program

Potential Cost Range: Varies

Potential Funding Sources: Ohio Department of Transportation, Noble County and Department of Job and Family Services

Performance Measures/Targets:

- Quarterly mobility management reports.
- Increased utilization of transportation assets and programming.
- Completion of goals as listed in Noble County Coordinated Plan.

Strategy 1. Access Employment Opportunities:

Action Steps:

- **Partner with workforce development agencies** to discuss transportation options needed for individuals attending job training or skill-building programs outside traditional hours.
- **Provide collected data from the assessments to transportation providers.**
- **Collaborate with local employees/employers** to identify the transportation challenges, particularly those who work non-traditional hours or live-in underserved areas.
- **Educate employers about the benefits** of reliable transportation options for employee retention and productivity, encouraging them to participate in transportation programs.

Goal 4: Enhance Safety and Sustainability for Vulnerable Populations

Description: Enhancing safety and sustainability for vulnerable populations, including seniors, individuals with disabilities, and low-income residents, is crucial for creating equitable, inclusive communities.

Timeline for Implementation: Present to completion of goals: Varies

Parties Responsible for leading Implementation: Noble County Mobility Manager

Parties Responsible for leading Implementation: Noble County Mobility Manager

Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation: Noble County Mobility Manager, Buckeye Hills Regional Council, Noble County Advisory Committee

Resources Needed: Continued funding of the Mobility Management program

Potential Cost Range: Varies

Potential Funding Sources: Ohio Department of Transportation, Noble County Board of Developmental Disabilities and Noble County Commissioners

Performance Measures/Targets:

- Quarterly mobility management reports.
- Increased utilization of transportation assets and programming.
- Completion of goals as listed in Noble County Coordinated plan.

Strategy 1. Promote Safety with CarFit and Road Awareness Program:

Action Steps:

- **Organize CarFit events** in partnership with local senior centers, disability advocacy groups, and healthcare facilities to provide vehicle adjustment checks for seniors and individuals with disabilities.
- **Collaborate with law enforcement and safety organizations** to offer educational materials on defensive driving and road safety, tailoring these materials to the needs of seniors and those with disabilities.
- **Partner with local hospitals, schools, or occupational therapists** to identify individuals who would benefit from CarFit and safety programs, particularly those with physical challenges that require vehicle adjustments.
- **Leverage community events** like health fairs, mobility fairs, schools, and transportation days to incorporate CarFit and safety awareness, offering live demonstrations and interactive sessions.
- **Partner with Local High Schools to promote vehicle adjustment checks for their students who are new drivers.**

Strategy 2. Foster Collaborations for Safety Initiatives:

Action Steps:

- **Build partnerships with local safety organizations** like law enforcement, health departments, and pedestrian safety groups to co-host workshops on road safety and transit awareness for seniors and individuals with disabilities.
- **Collaborate with the local RTPO and ODOT** to identify dangerous intersections or high-traffic areas that require safety improvements for pedestrians, particularly seniors or people with mobility challenges.
- **Participate in joint safety campaigns** with community organizations focused on pedestrian safety, such as teaching defensive walking techniques and raising awareness of accessible routes and crossings.
- **Participate in pedestrian safety walks** in collaboration with senior centers and disability advocacy groups to highlight safe routes and proper use of crossings.
- **Advocate for funding for infrastructure improvements**, such as accessible sidewalks, crosswalks with audio signals, curb cuts, ramps, walking paths, and bike trails through local government and grant applications. Collaborate with disability advocacy groups to ensure that all improvements meet the needs of individuals with visual or mobility impairments while promoting inclusive, multimodal transportation options that support active lifestyles and environmental sustainability.

Goal 5: Strengthen Mobility Management and Service Coordination

Description: Strengthening mobility management and service coordination is essential for creating efficient, accessible, and user-friendly transportation systems that meet the diverse needs of all community members, particularly seniors, individuals with disabilities, and low-income populations.

Timeline for Implementation: Present to completion of goals: Varies

Parties Responsible for leading Implementation: Noble County Mobility Manager

Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation: Noble County Mobility Manager, Buckeye Hills Regional Council, Noble County Advisory Committee

Resources Needed: Continued funding of the Mobility Management program

Potential Cost Range: Varies

Potential Funding Sources: Ohio Department of Transportation, Noble County Board of Developmental Disabilities and Noble County Commissioners

Performance Measures/Targets:

- Quarterly mobility management reports.
- Increased utilization of transportation assets and programming.
- Completion of goals as listed in Noble County Coordinated Plan

Strategy 1. Coordinate with Disability and Senior Services:

Action Steps:

- **Continue to Identify key partners** such as Area Agencies on Aging, disability service providers, and low-income assistance organizations to build a collaborative network focused on transportation needs.
- **Expand communication channels** with organizations to discuss gaps in transportation services, share resources, and streamline referrals for transportation assistance.
- **Share the transportation resource guide** with agencies to distribute to their clients, including details on available services, eligibility requirements, and contact information for transportation programs.
- **Participate in community resource events** to inform clients about transportation options, including specialized services such as demand-response and subsidized transit programs.
- **Track and share data** among agencies to identify common challenges and success stories, adjusting services to improve coordination and efficiency.

Strategy 2. Leverage Regional Coordinated Transportation Plan:

Action Steps:

- **Review the Regional Coordinated Transportation Plan** to identify key strategies and priorities that can be implemented at the local level.
- **Collaborate with regional transportation stakeholders** (including public transit, nonprofit organizations, healthcare providers, and disability advocates) to discuss opportunities for collaboration and resource sharing.
- **Develop a local implementation plan** based on the regional goals coordinating with providers to better serve seniors, individuals with disabilities, and low-income residents.
- **Advocate at the legislative level to support policies and funding that promote community partnerships with Mobility Managers, ensuring sustainable and inclusive transportation.**

Strategy 3. Provide Personalized Assistance for Transportation Needs:

Action Steps:

- **Continue a personalized transportation assistance program**, providing Mobility Manager to assist individuals in navigating their transportation options, including public transit and specialized services.
- **Continue Partnerships with healthcare providers, social services Area on Aging, and senior centers** to refer individuals who may require transportation support to this personalized assistance program.
- **Follow up regularly with participants** to ensure their ongoing transportation needs are met, addressing any changes or challenges as they arise.

Strategy 4. Sustain Mobility Management Program:

Action Steps:

- **Prepare a detailed grant application** for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) 5310 funding, outlining how the mobility management program meets the needs of seniors, individuals with disabilities, and low-income residents.
- **Gather data on the program's impact** to support the funding application, such as the number of individuals served, ridership statistics, and improvements in access to essential services like healthcare and employment.
- **Identify local match funding sources**, including partnerships with healthcare providers, local governments, and nonprofits that benefit from the mobility services offered to the community.
- **Engage local businesses and stakeholders** in supporting the mobility program through sponsorships or in-kind contributions, such as transit passes or funding for accessible infrastructure.
- **Promote the success of the program** through community events and outreach to raise awareness of its benefits and gather additional support for sustaining the program beyond initial funding periods.
- **Explore the use of Transportation levy** to provide a stable, long-term funding source for the program ensuring its sustainability and ability to meet growing community needs.

Plan Adoption

The process for adopting the plan involved months of preparation, multiple meetings of the Transportation Advisory Committee, and numerous public meetings and surveys. The Committee worked diligently to ensure the process included diverse input from older adults, individuals with disabilities, the general public, and representatives from public, private, and non-profit transportation and human services providers. Although attendance at public input meetings can be challenging, the survey conducted during the planning process garnered strong public participation, with over one hundred completed surveys. These surveys represented a broad range of participants, including older adults, individuals with disabilities, and members of the general public. Assistance was provided to individuals who needed help completing the surveys.

Representatives from public, private, and non-profit transportation providers were invited to participate in the process, though not all chose to do so. Input was also gathered from the Noble County Board of Developmental Disabilities and a local school district. During public meetings, the Noble County Transportation Advisory Committee actively engaged individuals and recruited new members, resulting in several new interests in committee participation.

The Noble County Transportation Advisory Committee is committed to improving transportation services for county residents and will continue to rely on permanent committee members to enhance participation in future efforts. After reviewing the draft document and allowing for a comment period, the committee officially adopted this rewritten plan on May 2, 2025.

May 1, 2025, the Noble County Transportation Advisory Committee approved this Coordinated Transportation Plan, and the Noble County Commissioners passed a resolution endorsing it. The signature page and the resolution can be found in Appendix C.

Appendix A: List of Planning Committee Participants

The Transportation Advisory Committee includes representatives from local agencies, along with participation from individuals with disabilities, older adults, and members of the general public. For more information about the planning committee, please feel free to reach out.

Noble County Transportation Advisory Committee also invites representation from older adults, individuals with disabilities, and members of the general public. In collaboration with other stakeholders, the committee will continue to carry out various activities aimed at increasing community stakeholder involvement. These efforts focus on identifying local resources, addressing community needs, and establishing goals and priorities. For more details about these initiatives, please contact:

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Appendix B: List of Annual Rewrite and Plan Amendments

On April 8, 2025, the Noble County Transportation Committee approved the rewrite of the Coordinated Transportation Plan. A public meeting to present the rewritten plan was held from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Noble County Health Department on same day.

On May 2, 2025, the Buckeye Hills Regional Council Executive Board received a copy of the rewritten plan for review and approval. For reference, the resolution approving the plan can be found in Appendix C.

The plan is required to undergo an annual review by the planning committee. For more information about the next annual review, how to participate in the review process, or how to propose changes or corrections to the plan between annual reviews, please contact:

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ANNUAL REVIEW – JUNE 2026

On May 22, 2026, the Noble County Coordinated Plan Annual Review was sent out to members of the committee for review. The following changes that did not require an amendment include:

- Update to Buckeye Southeast Transit provider information Pg. 11
- Updated Committee Members Pg. 37
- Updated Organizational Charts with addition of the number of ADA vehicles Pg. 12-15
- New Survey Results for 2026 Pg. 22-26
- Updated Buckeye Hills Regional Council address on cover and Pg. 17

The Mobility Manager continues to work in the county to address the goals and strategies of the coordinated plan. Several meetings and trainings have been facilitated and attended by the Mobility Manager to improve community-wide transportation.

Working together as a community has allowed for continued efforts to reach the goals in the coordinated plan which improves mobility options overall. Combined efforts have produced positive outcomes benefiting the citizens of Noble County.

On, June 5, 2026, the Buckeye Hills Regional Council Executive Board was provided with the updates for review to the Noble County Coordinated Transportation Plan as listed above.

Appendix C: Definitions

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 also is responsible for submitting the adopted Coordinated Plan and all amendments or updates to participating stakeholders and ODOT.

Planning Committee – (The Noble County Transportation Advisory Committee) The Planning Committee is composed of key community stakeholders. The Planning Committee members agree to actively participate in the planning process and act as the planning advisory and adopting entity.

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

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 services and expanding transportation mobility 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. Subrecipients 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.

Appendix D: Survey

BHRC Mobility Survey

1. My age range is (check one box)

- ☐ 0-18 ☐ 31-40 ☐ 51-64
☐ 19-30 ☐ 41-50 ☐ 65+

2. I consider myself to be (check all that apply)

- ☐ Low income ☐ Senior ☐ Veteran
☐ Disabled ☐ Student ☐ Other

3. Which county do you reside in?

- ☐ Washington ☐ Monroe ☐ Noble

4. Do you have a disability which requires you to use a device to help you get around? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ No ☐ Walker ☐ Other:
☐ Cane ☐ Wheelchair _____

5. Is public transportation, veterans' services, or senior services transportation an option for you?

- ☐ Yes, I use it ☐ I don't know about public transportation
☐ No, it does not go where I need to go ☐ I have my own car and prefer to drive
☐ No, it is not available at the times or days when I need it ☐ My friend(s) or family member(s) drive me where I need to go

6. Are you employed outside of the home?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

7. Are you currently using public transportation to get to or maintain employment?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

8. Where are most of your trips traveled?

- ☐ In county ☐ Out of county ☐ Out of state

9. How do you typically get to your destinations? (Check all that apply to you)

- ☐ Walk ☐ Call a friend/family member for a ride ☐ Ride public transportation
☐ Wheelchair/Mobility Scooter ☐ Call a social service provider ☐ Use a taxi service
☐ Ride a bicycle ☐ Other: _____
☐ Drive my car

10. About how often do you have medical appointments that are located outside of your county?

- ☐ Once a week ☐ More than once a week ☐ Rarely/Never
☐ Once a month ☐ Once a year

BHRC Mobility Survey

11. Have you missed a medical appointment in the last 12 months due to lack of transportation?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

12. Have you missed a social event in the last 12 months due to lack of transportation?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

13. Over the past 12 months, how much did you rely on family, friends, or neighbors for transportation?

- ☐ For all my trips
☐ For half of my trips
☐ For none of my trips
☐ For most of my trips
☐ For some of my trips

14. Over the past 12 months, how much did you rely on public transportation?

- ☐ For all my trips
☐ For half of my trips
☐ For none of my trips
☐ For most of my trips
☐ For some of my trips

15. What changes could be made to your transportation service options that would make them more appealing? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Service starting earlier in the morning
☐ Service on Sundays
☐ Service ending later at night
☐ Other: _____
☐ Service on Saturdays

16. What is the best way to share important transportation information with you?

- ☐ Social media
☐ Email
☐ Local newspaper
☐ Provider websites
☐ Mailers/flyers
☐ Radio

17. Are you familiar with the Mobility Management Program led by Kelly Isaly and Julia Hinzman in your county, which helps residents access transportation options and other resources to get where they need to go?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

18. Would you support future investments in walking and biking infrastructure in your community?

- ☐ Strongly support
☐ Oppose
☐ Support
☐ Strongly Oppose
☐ Neutral

19. If a bicycle lending program were available in your county, how often would you use it?

- ☐ Frequently (weekly or more)
☐ Occasionally (monthly)
☐ Rarely (few times a year)
☐ Never

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Appendix E: Resolutions & Signatures

Noble County Committee	
Name	Signatures
Gwynn Stewart	
Brenda Todd	
Samatha Wood	
Alice Barnes	
Lisa Carpenter	
Joe Williams	
Todd Coss	
Ty Moore	
Allen Fraley	
Gary Saling	
Gloria Llewellyn	
Teiara Saling	
Misty Wells	
Jodi Harmon	
Dawn Mason	
Erica Rossiter	
Tammy Stillion	
Shari Rayner	
Dawn Schultheis	
Kelly Isaly	
Melissa Zoller	
Julia Hinzman	
Christa Myers	

Signatures available on file at Buckeye Hills Regional Council

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2025 NOBLE COUNTY COORDINATED
TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Resolution #2025/05-01

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) provides financial assistance for Mobility Management activities as funded by the Specialized Transportation Program (5310) and the Rural Transit Program (5311); and

WHEREAS, Buckeye Hills Regional Council has staffed the Noble County Mobility Manager position on behalf of local partners, including the Noble County Commissioners and the Noble County Developmental Board of Developmental Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, a Coordinated Transportation Plan document must be created and updated as required in order to satisfy an ongoing condition of this funding; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Coordinated Transportation Plan has been completed by Buckeye Hills Regional Council in partnership with the Noble County Advisory Committee of Noble County and other stakeholder parties interested in transportation services; and

WHEREAS, the Coordinated Transportation Plan for Noble County has been completed in the manner and time frame prescribed by ODOT; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Coordinated Transportation Plan has been reviewed and approved by the Noble County Commissioners.

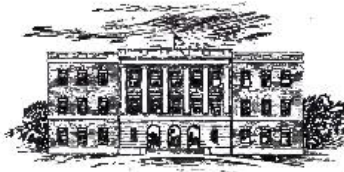
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Buckeye Hills Regional Council Executive Committee hereby approves the submission of the 2025 Coordinated Transportation Plan document to the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Passed on this 2nd day of May 2025.


James Booth, President
Ron Moore, Vice President

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The Board of Commissioners of Noble County, Ohio met in regular session on the 23rd day of April, 2025 with the following members present:

Floyd Allen Fraley Ty Moore Gary Saling

Gary Saling

moved the adoption of the following:

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation provides financial assistance for Mobility Management activities as funded by the Specialized Transportation Program (5310) and Rural Transit Program (5311);

WHEREAS, Buckeye Hills Regional Council has staffed the Noble County Mobility Manager position on behalf of local partners including Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Noble County Transportation Advisory Committee since 2021;

WHEREAS, a Coordinated Transit Plan document must be created and updated as required in order to satisfy and ongoing condition of this funding;

WHEREAS, the 2025 Coordinated Transit Plan has been completed with members of the Noble County Transportation Advisory Committee interested in transportation services;

WHEREAS, the Coordinated Transit Plan for Noble County has been completed in the manner and time frame prescribed by ODOT;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the 2025 Coordinated Transit Plan has been reviewed and approved by the Noble County Commissioners; we hereby approve the submission of the 2021 Coordinate Transit Plan document to the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Ty Moore

seconded the forgoing resolution

Calling of the roll results in the following vote



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Noble County Commissioners

Floyd Allen Fraley yes

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Ty Moore yes

Ty Moore

Gary Saling yes

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