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About GCOA

Georgia Council on Aging
Created by the General Assembly in 1977 to advise state government on aging issues in Georgia

Coalition of Advocates for Georgia’s Elderly
Created by the Council as a forum to identify and address concerns of older Georgians
2020 CO-AGE Legislative Issue

OLDER ADULT TRANSPORTATION

Helping Seniors Stay Connected

Voted as #1 Priority Issue
Older Adult Transportation Profile

- Older adults age 65+: 1.3M in 2019 growing to 2.9M in 2040
- Older adults outlive their driving ability by 11 years for women, 6 for men
- Adults age 70+ with unmet transportation needs = 196,711
- Current programs (DHS+DCH+GDOT) served 43,676 older adults FY2018
- Mobility restrictions worsen health deterioration leading to hospital readmissions or nursing home entry
Older Adult Transportation Barriers

- Gaps in transit service
- County-line transit boundaries
- Physical mobility difficulties
- Limited transit hours
- Unmet Quality of Life trips
- Cost of commercial rides
- Monthly trip caps
- Multiple program applications
- Changing geographic family patterns
Opportunities for Improved Mobility

• Consolidated transit management
• Regional transit planning with AAA input
• New transit funding sources for expanded services
• Maximize efficient use of transportation providers and funding
• Innovative transit programs with subsidized TNC rides
• Financial assistance to volunteer driver programs
• Flexible voucher programs
• Increase Non-Emergency Medical Transportation usage