

**Draft Minutes**  
**BROWN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
**Monday, November 11, 2024**  
**Green Bay Metro Transportation Center**  
**901 University Avenue**  
**Green Bay, Wisconsin**  
**Meeting Time: 10:15 a.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

Amy Barhite (Citizen Member)	<u>x</u>	Troy Parr (Oneida Nation)	<u>Exc</u>
Megan Borchardt (BC Board of Supervisors)	<u> </u>	Jim Pecard (ADRC Board of Directors)	<u>x</u>
Bridget Clancy (Syble Hopp)*	<u>x</u>	Joe Pietrek (Via – Private Operator)	<u>x</u>
Lisa Conard (BCPC/Green Bay MPO)	<u>x</u>	Erik Pritzl (BC Health & Human Services)	<u>x</u>
Michael Conley-Kuhagen (Transit Commission)	<u>x</u>	Sandy Popp (Options for Independent Living)	<u>x</u>
Katie Doble (ASPIRO)	<u>x</u>	Troy Streckenbach (BC Executive Department)	<u> </u>
Christel Giesen (ADRC Staff)	<u>x</u>	Andrea Vlach (Green Bay Metro)	<u>x</u>
Amy Hoyer (Cerebral Palsy Inc.)	<u>x</u>	Michael Voight (Citizen Member)	<u> </u>
Denise Misovec (Curative Connections)	<u>x</u>	Nick Weber (WisDOT)	<u>Exc</u>
Anna Nick (Brown County Health Dept)	<u>x</u>	Tina Whetung (Curative Connections)	<u>x</u>

**Others Present:** Erin Martini for Bridget Clancy and Ker Vang

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Approval of the September 9, 2024 TCC meeting minutes.
2. Discussion and recommendation to the Brown County Planning Commission Board of Directors regarding State Section 85.21 Trust - Adaptive Cycle funding awards for Calendar Year 2025.

K. Vang provided an overview of the Section 85.21 Trust and adaptive cycle project solicitation. K. Vang provided a review of the requests and staff recommendations, noting that the amount requested is available in the trust.

**Summary & Recommendation**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>Staff Recommendation</b>
Options for Independent Living	Handcycle	\$18,499	\$18,499
Oneida Nation/ Oneida Adventures	Tricycles, bike accessories, and a trailer	\$9,903	\$9,903

A motion was made by T. Whetung, seconded by M. Conley-Kuhagen to recommend to the Brown County Planning Commission Board of Directors approval of the projects as presented by staff. TCC members employed by Options for Independent Living and Oneida Nation were not present when the vote occurred. Motion carried.

3. Discussion and recommendation to the Brown County Planning Commission Board of Directors regarding Section 85.21 Specialized Transportation Assistance Application/Plan for

CY 2025.

K. Vang provided an overview of the Section 85.21 application/plan. K. Vang provided a review of the amount, local match, and total available for 2025.

## 2025 Funding

Section 85.21 Allocation	Local Match	Total
\$647,943	\$129,589	\$777,532

K. Vang provided an overview of the four programs requesting funding, the amount of funds requested, and staff recommendations. K. Vang noted that this is the first year the Casa ALBA Melenie organization has requested funding.

	Amount Requesting	Staff Recommendation
Curative Connections Transportation Service	\$674,897	\$674,897
Brown County Health and Human Services	\$64,268	\$64,268
Salvation Army	\$9,900	\$9,900
Casa ALBA Melanie	\$9,900	\$9,900

Discussion occurred regarding the amount of funds Brown County receives each year.

K. Vang noted that Brown County received a few thousand dollars more for 2025 than 2024.

L. Conard noted that the amount of funds made available to counties by the state each year, approximately \$16 million, has remained the same for at least five years. However, Brown County will receive slightly more in 2025. This is due to an increase in the estimate of seniors and people with disabilities living in Brown County relative to the growth of that population in the state as a whole. There are counties that will receive more in 2025 and there are counties that will receive less in 2025. However, the amount available statewide has remained the same.

Members of the TCC noted that the state will be developing a new two-year budget next year and it will be important to have discussions with state legislators.

A motion was made by M. Conley-Kuhagen, seconded by A. Hoyer to recommend to the Brown County Planning Commission Board of Directors approval of the projects as presented by staff. TCC members employed by Curative Connections and Brown County Health and Human Service Department abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

4. Round robin discussion about specialized transportation services in Brown County.

L. Conard noted that the Section 5310 program recommendations made by the TCC for an

accessible medium bus and operating assistance requested by Curative Connections for use in its Specialized Transportation service were approved by the Brown County Planning Commission Board of Directors.

C. Giesen noted that the Aging and Disabilities Resource Center just completed and approved its three-year Aging Plan. One of the issues highlighted in the plan was the need for additional transportation services.

J. Pecard asked the committee members to identify gaps in specialized transportation service.

D. Misovec stated that the Curative Connections operates its county-wide specialized transportation service with about half of the number of volunteer drivers as they did prior to the pandemic. Curative employs paid drivers but there is a driver shortage and private operators tend to pay more so they generally operated below full staff.

TCC members identified the following specialized transportation service gaps:

- inability to schedule same-day rides (paratransit; other services)
- capacity constraints/unavailable driver
- service before 9:00 am and after 3:00 pm on weekdays
- service on Sunday
- hospital discharge transportation services
- late nights

C. Giesen suggested that legislators be provided information on unmet needs.

Discussion occurred regarding best ways to quantify unmet needs.

Curative staff stated they would share information regarding trip requests that were unmet due to capacity constraints/unavailable driver.

A. Vlach, Brown County Mobility Manager, noted that she often receives referrals from Curative when a trip cannot be accommodated.

The MPO staff agreed to compile such information and provide it to the TCC members.

L. Conard noted that Green Bay Metro produces an annual “fact sheet” that is made available to state and national elected officials.

A. Nick suggested personal testimonials.

S. Popp noted that Options for Independent Living staff plan to participate in legislative day in Madison in February and advocate for Section 85.21 funding.

5. Next meeting date.

- Monday, March 10, 2025 at 10:15 a.m., 901 University Avenue, Green Bay

6. Other matters.

None.

7. Adjourn.

A motion was made by T. Whetung, seconded by C. Giesen to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.