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Public Transportation Needs Meeting

The Southwest Missouri Council of Governments will be hosting a public meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, from 2 pm to 4 pm, located at the Kimberling City Community Center, 34 Kimberling Blvd, Kimberling City, MO 65686. This meeting is to gather public input on the transportation needs of seniors and individuals who have disabilities or who are impoverished.

The regional Public Transit Human Services Coordination Plan (PTHSCP) will help to identify projects and organizations eligible for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 grant funding. The input of area human service agencies and transportation providers will be combined with the results of a transportation user survey to update the current regional PTHSCP.

The Public Transit Human Services Coordination Plan contains five key elements regarding transportation in the Ozarks. It contains demographic information about the area's population and information about local service providers. The PTHSCP will also have a needs assessment and will identify strategies for addressing those needs. This survey will provide important information for that assessment. Finally, the document will outline an implementation strategy for improving transportation options for the area.

The Southwest Missouri Council of Governments (SMCOG) is a Regional Planning Commission and an association of local governments in the ten-county area of southwest Missouri. SMCOG serves Barry, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Greene, Lawrence, Polk, Stone, Taney, and Webster counties. SMCOG is one of 19 active regional planning organizations throughout Missouri.

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