



SANGAMON COUNTY COUNTY BOARD OFFICE

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Dear Community Member:

You care about your community – we need you on the Sangamon County Transit Partnership Group!

The Sangamon County Transit Partnership Group is a group of volunteers working under guidance from the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Transportation (ICCT) Clearinghouse to develop coordinated public transportation in areas of our county outside of the Springfield Mass Transit District boundaries.

Coordinated public transportation is the process of communication, cooperation and collaboration among stakeholders with the intent of melding the 62 human transportation funding streams into a single-entity, county-wide delivery system, to:

- Avoid transportation service gaps,
- Avoid transportation service duplication, and
- Encourage efficient use of limited resources.

The end goal of the ICCT Clearinghouse is to help counties achieve new public transportation systems or enhance existing public transportation systems.

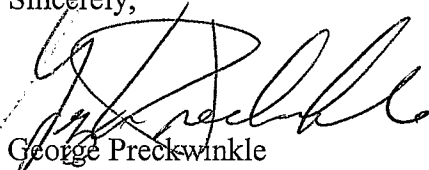
No individual community entity or agency can “speak” for the community. Therefore, our first step is to bring together a diverse group of stakeholders. The Transit Partnership Group (TPG) is an equal partnership whose members include current (and potential) transportation riders; transportation providers; human service agencies; medical and healthcare groups; education, employment and job training programs; government representation; interested community members and other parties.

Public transportation coordination is not just about organizing rides, it’s also about community development. The TPG will request and consider the results of needs assessments, interpret findings, develop a system wish list and collectively plan transportation outcomes. To accomplish our goals, the Springfield - Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission has agreed to act as primary contact, coordinating group efforts, maintaining correspondence and organizing meetings.

Input from a variety of stakeholders is vital to the success of this project. Therefore, we would like to invite you to attend our introductory meeting on **Thursday, July 1, 2010 at 5:30 PM** at the **Dove Conference Center** in the Prairie Heart Institute at St. John's Hospital, 619 E Mason, Springfield to learn more about public transportation, share your personal views regarding transit needs in our county, and consider joining us as a TPG member.

Please RSVP Linda Wheeland at 217-535-3110, lindaw@co.sangamon.il.us, or 200 South 9th Street, Room 212, Springfield, IL 62701 if you are able to attend this meeting.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Rural Transportation Committee
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