

EVANSTON, IL

Evanston Transit Planning 4 All

Project Close Out



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Community Development

ORIGINAL GOAL

Evanston TP4All will connect older adults and people with disabilities to transit services that will help them get to where they need, and want to go.



Advocacy. Action. Answers on Aging.



PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Fall 2016

Establish Network & Vision

- Form Design Team
- Process Review
- Industry Analysis

Winter 2016

Launch Conversation & Develop Survey

- Focus Group Meetings
- Survey Development
- Design Team Review

Spring 2017

Data Analysis & Feedback

- Survey Analysis
- Design Team Discussions
- Lunch TransAssist 4 Evanston Shuttle and door-to-door services

Summer 2017

Identify Recommendations

- Report Development
- Recommendation Solidification
- City's Complete and Green Streets Policy implementation

Fall 2017

Development of strategies

- Design of new fare card compatible with transit options
- Promotion T4E shuttle and door-to-door services
- Develop financial literacy assistance program

OUTCOMES

- Embedded inclusive planning practices into planning policies and efforts.
- Influenced Complete & Green Streets Policy revisions & implementation
- Structured route and service recommendations for regional transit plans (North Shore Coordination Plan).

OBSTACLES, ISSUES AND RESOLUTIONS

- Levels of organization capacity and existing frameworks.
- Development patterns in Evanston, and regional location of destination points.
- Technology divide and development.
- Evanston's position as a piece with the Chicagoland transportation network.

OBSTACLES, ISSUES AND RESOLUTIONS

- Lack of trust between paratransit users and local paratransit providers.
- Meetings to greater conversations between paratransit users and local paratransit providers.
- Inclusion of transit improvements for OA and PWD with Pace suburban buses and the Chicago Transit Authority.

LESSONS LEARNED

- Importance of consistent engagement with Design Team members.
- Varied transportation options are necessary to “close the gap”; no *silver bullet* transportation option.
- Benefit of working with establish partners within the OA and PWD communities.

CONCLUSION

- Finalize TP4All Report.
- Continual Integration of Age-Friendly Evanston Task Force Findings & Data.
- Expanding Community Dialogue on “Age Friendly” and “Disability Friendly” Work and Activism.
- Development of Inclusionary Planning Practices as “Norms”.
- Launch of the Transportation Benefit Card pilot (Jan., ‘18).
- Development of supplemental Financial Literacy Programming for the Transportation Benefit Card pilot (Dec. ‘17).



THANK YOU

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