

Transit Service to Northern Hospitals

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Questions

- Should transit services be expanded to provide access to northern hospitals & nearby medical facilities?
- If so, what type of service and how will it be funded?

Transit access to northern hospitals

- Raised during 2040 Regional Transit Plan public process
- CTAB resolution to direct Transit Services staff to pursue partnerships to provide transit service to northern hospitals and medical facilities

Fixed-Route Bus & ADA Paratransit Service



Approach

- Assess the need for transit service to the northern hospitals & medical facilities
- If service is warranted, what type of service & how funded?

Assess the need for transit service

- Patient Focus: Determine the extent to which unique medical services are provided in those locations
- Employee/Employer Focus: Determine the need for employee access – from the perspective of employees and employers
- Assess the adequacy of existing travel options
 - E.g. contracted human service providers, taxi, Uber, Lyft, carpool matching, vanpool

If transit service is needed

- Determine the right type of service
 - Call & ride (demand response), deviated fixed-route, express, or traditional fixed-route
- Determine the cost of service and funding options
 - Cost-sharing with hospitals and other medical providers
 - Corporate sponsorships such as branding/naming rights
 - City funds the full cost

Tasks

- Patient Focus: Understand community medical services – whether unique services are provided at the northern hospitals and nearby facilities
- Employee/Employer Focus: Work with hospitals & other medical employers to understand employee access needs (i.e. surveys)
- Evaluate transit service options
- Meet with hospital & medical facility representatives to discuss needs and funding options

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