

Berrien County Transit Study Forum

The Berrien County Transit Study Forum was held on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor Michigan. There were over 65 people in attendance representing social service agencies, transit agencies, public transportation providers, government officials and citizens.

During the three and a half hour forum, the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission presented a brief overview of public transit systems and their respective service areas in Berrien County. The remainder of the time was spent with the forum attendees working through a mobility management exercise utilizing twenty four scenarios focusing on transportation disadvantaged population groups that included seniors, youth, employment seekers, medical needs, veterans, homeless, students, and the disabled. The purpose of the exercise was to reveal unmet needs, gaps in service areas, hours of service and population groups. As the group discussed the transportation options for each scenario, attendees learned about services and requirements they did not know about previously.

The meeting concluded with comments from the Federal Transit Administration and United We Ride representatives. Contact information for forum speakers and related websites can be found below.

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