



# TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIORS

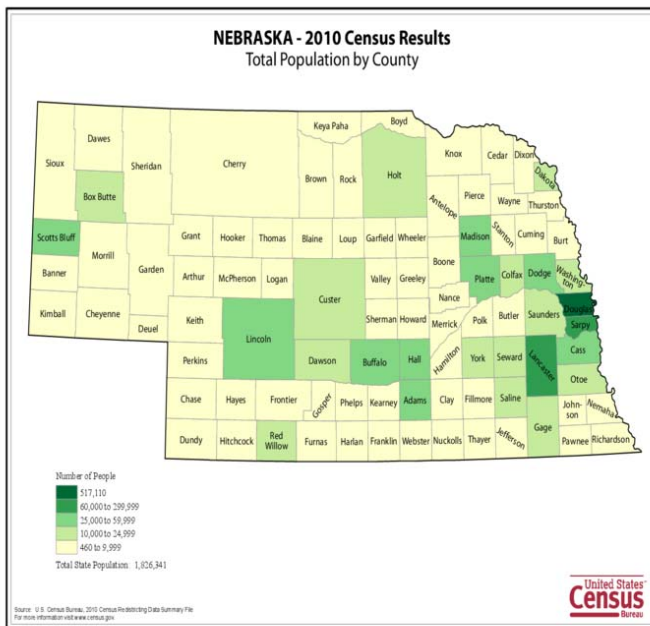
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# Nebraska Seniors

- Almost 15% of Nebraskans are 65 or older (1 in 6!)
  - *Will be 1 in 5 by 2030*
- Access to services and transportation are the greatest issues faced by aging Nebraskans
- Studies show seniors must rely more on family and friends as they age and become more disabled

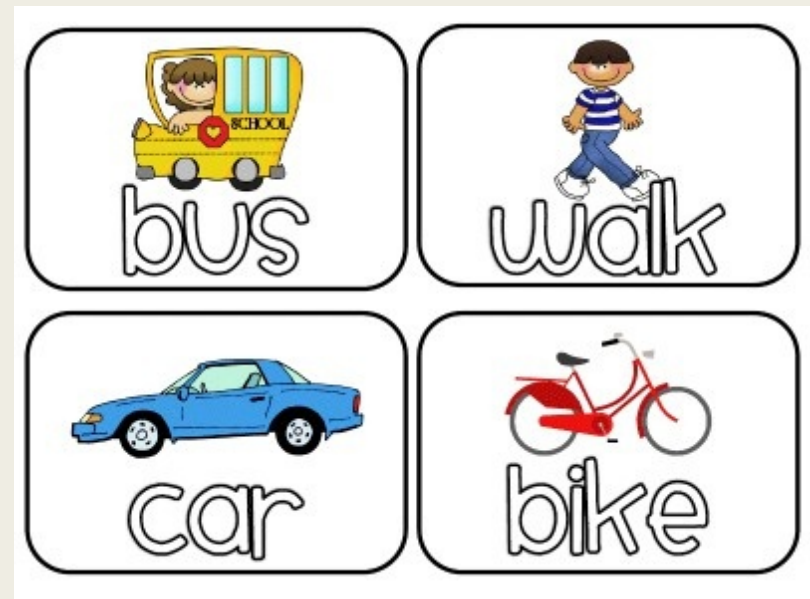
# Impact of Transportation Gaps



- Isolation
- Aging in place
- Rural communities face population and income losses
- Overall, no community in the US has a definitive solution

# Transportation Options

- Public
- Private
- Volunteers



# Public Transportation

- 56 rural and 3 urban providers
  - *Covers roughly 79 counties*
  - *10 counties have no service*
  - *4 counties have limited service*
- Available weekdays
- Average cost is about \$2.00 for a one-way trip
  - *Discounts for seniors*
- Nebraska has both fixed and “call for pick-up” routes



# Reach Your Destination Easily, RYDE

- Arguably BEST public transportation service in Nebraska.
- Provides transportation in and around the Kearney area
- Program provided through the Community Action Partnership of the Midwest
- 7 counties and the city of Ravenna are served
- Rides are scheduled 24 hours in advance
- Drivers are trained to help with assistance
  - *To vehicle*
  - *To destination or home*

# Mobility Management

- Nebraska Public Transit Pilot Program
- Public transportation support for ALL Nebraskan
- Focus on rural residents
  - *Through cities and across county lines*
- Includes door-to-door and curb-to-curb services
- Mobility Managers



# Mobility Managers



- Splits Nebraska into 6 “regions”
  
- Managers responsibilities:
  - *Train drivers*
  - *Arrange travel options for the elderly and disabled*
  - *marketing*



# ADA Service Buses (HandiVans)



- Similar routes to the city buses
- Slightly more expensive
- Call for pick-up required
- Strict guidelines
- Limited Routes
- [HandiVan Application](#)

# Barriers

- City buses have transportation restrictions
  - *Omaha buses do not travel west of Lakeside Hospital and Village Point*
  - *ENOA does not offer services into Midtown or further east*
  - *Limited transport out of cities*
- Weekend routes are limited, and nonexistent in rural communities
- Door-to-door services are limited
- Public awareness/marketing
- Communication/cooperation

# Private Transportation

- Taxis
- Service Programs
  - *Home Instead*
- Mobile Ride-Share
  - *Uber*
  - *Lyft*
  - *Liberty Mobility*



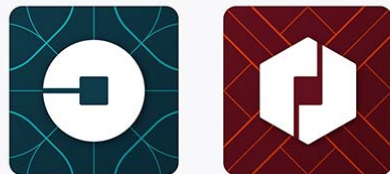
# Mobile Ride Share

## Uber

- Can request a ride when and where ever
- Low rate for off peak hours
- Pilot programs for seniors
- *Uber Central*
  - Desktop capable
  - Rides requested in advance

- *Uber Assist*

- *Uber Carpool*



UBER



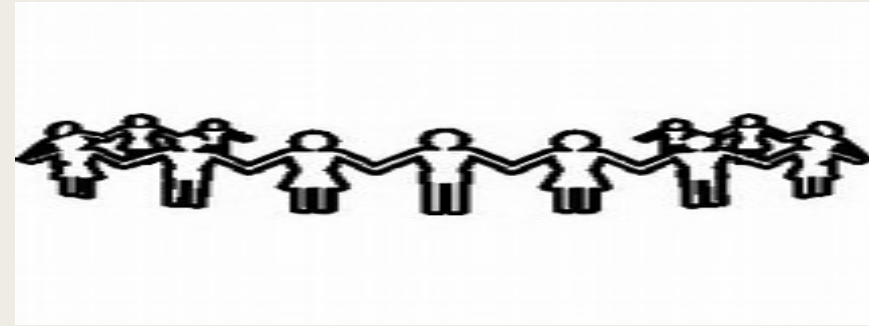
## Lyft

- Can request a ride when and where ever
- Low rate for off peak hours
- Pilot Programs for seniors
- *Concierge*
  - Desktop capable
  - Rides scheduled on behalf of others
- *Jitterbug Partnership*
  - Users call operator on their flip phone

# Barriers

- Funding
  - *Starting programs in rural locations are not financially “worth it”*
  - *Seniors need access to internet, mobile devices/ computer*
- Availability
  - *Mobile ride-share programs are available where drivers are available*
- Distance
  - *No protocol on whether a driver should be paid traveling long distances to retrieve drivers*
  - *Driving long distances can be very expensive*
  - *Drivers may have to drive hours to get to and from destinations*

# Volunteers



- Many seniors turn to family, friends and community for transportation needs
- This is a cheap, convenient and safe option
- Drivers volunteer their time and car to provide need services to help with appointments and errands
- Many community programs offer public volunteer programs to help with senior transportation needs

# Gaps in Transportation (Recap!)

- Everywhere!
- Nebraska's aging population and large percentage of rural communities take a toll on transportation options
- Both public and private organizations find transportation in some rural communities unjustifiable, leaving seniors stranded.



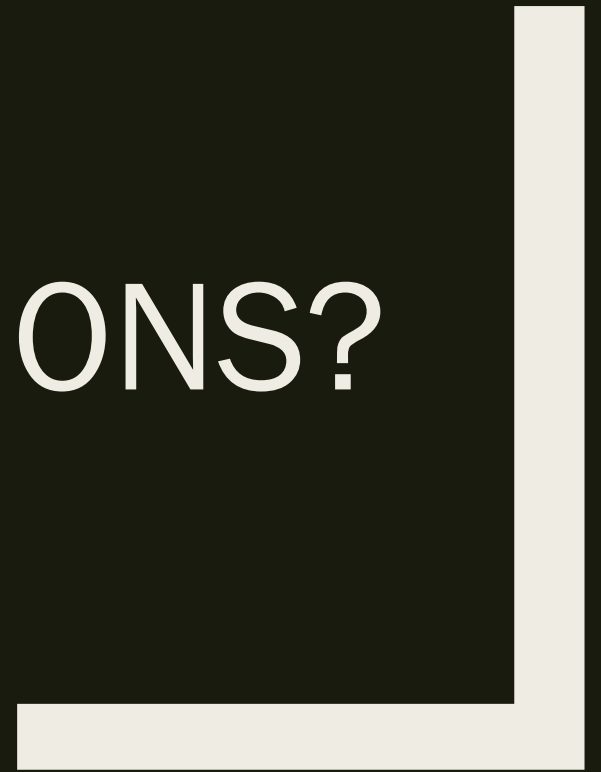
# What's Next?

- Scotts Bluff
  - *Fixed bus route in Scotts Bluff and Gering*
- Liberty Mobility
  - *Rural Rideshare that partners with Medicaid and public transportation*
- Driverless Cars
  - *Issues with weather, roads, and access*
- Contracted mobility services
- Nebraska Department of Roads, NDOR, could become the *Nebraska Department of Transportation, NDOT*





QUESTIONS?



# Thanks



- Further Public Information:

- <http://nebraskatransit.com/>
  - <http://nebraskatransit.com/assets/pdf/intercity-bus-meeting-public%20notice.pdf>
- <http://www.roads.nebraska.gov/>