

Appendix G: Additional Needs



Additional Unmet Needs

- Bicycle lanes are needed in Helena and a nonmotorized transportation coordinator could possibly get this off the ground. The city paid for the nonmotorized plan, and now it's time to implement the plan. With rising gas costs and increasing obesity in our children as well as adults, it's time we have a safe nonmotorized transportation route throughout the city to our schools, work places, parks(spring meadow), on the walking mall. It is time to quit talking about a nonmotorized transportation plan and just make it happen.
- Assist from building to building.
- Assist to and from building.
- Being able to shop for those who rely on those you know to get to the places needed: i.e. Target Shopko K-Mart Macy's Ross'. would be nice to have a weekend service so if a person needed to get to those places the availability would be there.
- Bike carriers.
- Blind - more help on and off.
- Bus routes are limited and do not meet my current needs. They do not go near my home or near my place of work so I do not use the current bus system. An expanded bus system is needed with more bus stops in residential areas and commercial areas.
- Cannot drive after having stroke.
- Cannot get in bus with walker/disability/health.
- Car repair, big snow and really cold weather.
- Cost of gas. I would be willing to take a bus. However, I live on the City Line on the west side. By the time I drive where I need to go, I could drive to work. There needs to be a bus route with stops on west side by city line.
- Curb to curb service within Stewart Homes.
- Current disability.
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- Current disability - weather conditions, i.e. winter roads.
- current disability, no vehicle, limited money

- Currently disabled, walking is a major problem in long distance destinations.
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- Disability.
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- Disability - need assistance to and from buildings.
- Disability - walking problems.
- Disability access.
- Disability and health concerns.
- Disability, health concerns.
- Disabled.
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- Disabled and in a wheelchair (HATS is in violation of the ADA - Dial a Ride is not equal access.
- Disability and health concerns.
- Drinking and driving.
- Earlier pick up time.
- Getting hard to see when dark out at my age.
- Getting the family where they need to be and the rising gas increases.
- Health concerns.

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- High cost of fuel.
- I am disabled.
- I am okay since I have a car and can walk/ride bike, but it is concerning to me that there is not a consistent and affordable public transit system in Helena. If I wanted to use a bus instead of my own vehicle, it would be nearly impossible to get to where I need to go.
- I am unaware of the needs of disabled people.
- I can't walk far and have three kids.
- I don't have a vehicle and I am not in good shape.
- I have a car.
- I have a hard time breathing around diesel exhaust fumes. How about a biodiesel-powered bus, which I've heard have much less odor?
- I have C.P. It is difficult for me to speak and ? Everything depends on if I have staff. Otherwise, I am stuck at home in bad weather.
- I have CP and need transportation.
- I have MS, in a chair.
- I have Multiple Sclerosis and stairs, etc. are a problem for me.
- I have no actual needs related to transportation but hate to have to drive the car to shopping and/or events, would prefer a bus. Work is in walking and biking distance.
- I have Parkinson's disease
- I have severe sleep apnea. I am able to drive in the mornings, but still fall asleep while driving in the PM.
- I live to close to my children's school for bus service. But too far to send them walking.
- I live very near my place of work. Thus, my request is for the convenience of not having to drive my children all over town every night to all of their activities. I would really like my teenagers to be able to catch a bus to town and go to places like the YMCA, Memorial Park & Pool, bowling alley, movie theater, Recreation

Station, church and Boy Scout activities. The convenience of having alternate transportation would be WONDERFUL!!

- I make loud noises and would probably bother other riders, I like to pull hair and touch other people.
- I strongly dislike driving on icy roads.
- I work with disabled individuals and see evening hours as an unmet need. Transportation for day work is generally available, however for individuals working evening or night shifts, no transportation is available.
- I would like to see a bus system that allows for transfers from one line to another. We need a regularly scheduled system with stops at reasonable distances from destinations. Point to point has been outdated because of the increased city size and population.
- I would ride the bus if it were available and convenient with a set route that takes me directly downtown and back home at regular intervals.
- In a wheelchair and need total help.
- Intra-city bus service to the hi-line area (i.e. Havre).
- It does not run on weekends (Church). A lot of events in Helena are Saturday. By the time I walk there, I am tired.
- It would be easier to get around in the evening and safer to ride the bus, if it ran in the evening. Also, I need a very early morning bus in order to get to work on time.
- It would be nice to be able to send my kids somewhere on safe public transportation during the summer when I am working. Places like Memorial pool or the library or the mall. I would want a set transportation schedule for this to make it easy to plan.
- Just teen without a car, tired of being a taxi.
- Like bus to take child out of city limits to Howard Rd or return them from Howard Rd to Helena.
- Limited driving abilities.
- Many activities in different locations and luggage.
- More.
- Mostly just that the gas prices are outrageous, especially being a poor college student. Helena needs a top of the line bus transportation system. With all of the new development and houses being built, I believe that a well thought out transit system will make a lot of people happy.

- My car is broke down.
- My concern is for seniors who need extra time and care when using the bus.
- My disability.
- Need bike routes, currently it is not very safe to ride a bike on the streets of Helena.
- Need of transportation.
- NIGHT BLINDNESS, OLD CAR.
- No transportation.
- No van pool or other commuting options from Craig and/or Wolf Creek.
- None, other than the price of gas.
- Not enough bus stops in area I live--nearest is about ½ mile away--tough to walk that in the winter.
- Not enough routes to cover the areas I want to travel to.
- On disability since, PTSD seizure free since August 96 - I will never drive in my lifetime!
- On oxygen.
- Partial mobility impairment - not requiring a chair, but some difficulty with steps.
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- Regular bus schedule to go out to Wal-mart and north plaza area to target, skopco points north.
- School district scheduling is not compatible w/the average working parent schedule. So even if pooling or service were of interest, it is not doable.
- Schools, apartments, grocery.
- Seizure disorder.
- Small children.
- Taking public transportation to my child's daycare would be something I never would do because of the lack of an appropriate carseat.
- The fact that you don't show up to pick people up, sometimes for an hour or more after they expect to be picked up.

- The trolley schedule from state to downtown doesn't allow me to be timely to a on-going 9-noon meeting. I would like to get my children from my work near the capital to their downtown school.
- The trolley/bus doesn't run from the Capitol down town in the Morning... so I drive. therefore not needed to use it to return home in the evening.
- There is no transportation for kids to get to activities in the summer.
- Timely, prompt and reliable service.
- Unsafe or non-existent bike lanes are a huge issue in Helena. Limited service area of the Trolley - would love it to go down to North Montana shopping district.
- Varied work schedule and have to include daycare drop-off/pick-up.
- Walking because of MS.
- Weekend service is essential; regular, reliable schedules.
- Wheelchair ramp.
- Wheelchair/disabled.
- With the increasing price of gas, it would make sense to try a park and ride if enough people would commit to make it economical. It would also help sell the idea if folks could use the bus to get around town during the day.
- Youthful (early teenage) rider without supervision; hours of operation & missed schedules.