

Strategy 7.1 Improving Regional Coordination for Specialized Transportation Programs

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Today

- **Background**
- **Examples & Findings**
 - Coordinating Council on Accessibility and Mobility (CCAM)
 - Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation (ACCT)
- **Committee Review & Discussion (Mentimeter Survey)**



Background

- Mobility needs are growing in our region as the number of populations relying on specialized transportation is on the rise.
- Regional stakeholders expressed the need for **more funding to support the mobility of people with special transportation needs** in our region.



*Image Source: Investopedia,
Lara Antal*



Special Needs Transportation Committee

PSRC updated SNTC membership structure in 2012 under the provision of MAP-21:

- Removed **Workforce Development membership seat** and replaced them with the **Groups for/Persons with disabilities seat**
- Added a **Seat Chosen by Local Coalition** to obtain representations from broader special needs communities
- Added representation by **Tribes**.

Minor updates and edits on membership and operating procedures were made lastly in 2018

Current SNTC Membership

***Voting* Membership**

- **County Representation**

- Transit Agency
- Local Coalition Representative
- Area Agency on Aging
- Disability Advocacy Group
- Seat Chosen by Local Coalition

- **State/Regional Representation**

- Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (Medicaid) Providers
- Washington State Ferries
- Educational Service Districts
- Tribal Representation

***Non-Voting (Informative)* Membership**



Addressing Growing Mobility Needs

- The **Coordinated Mobility Plan's Strategy 7.1 (High-priority)** addresses the need to improve regional cross-program collaboration to leverage funding:

“Improve regional coordination based on the federal example of the Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM).”

- **Desired Outcomes:** Additional agencies with transportation programs aimed at people with special transportation needs (outside of USDOT and WSDOT) are serving on a regional coordinating body and are helping develop and implement the Coordinated Mobility Plan.



Coordinating Council on Accessibility and Mobility (CCAM)

Overview

- Established in 2004 by **Executive Order 13330: Human Services Transportation Coordination**
- The CCAM is a Federal interagency council that works to **coordinate funding and provide expertise on human services transportation**
- **Purpose:** to coordinate 62 federal programs **across federal departments that provide funding** to be used in support of human services transportation.



Coordinating Council on Accessibility and Mobility (CCAM)

Membership Composition

- **Lead Agencies (Voting Membership)**
—highlighted in **blue** on the right
- **Participating Agencies (Non-Voting Membership)**

Key Roles

- Document review and concurrence
- CCAM meeting attendance

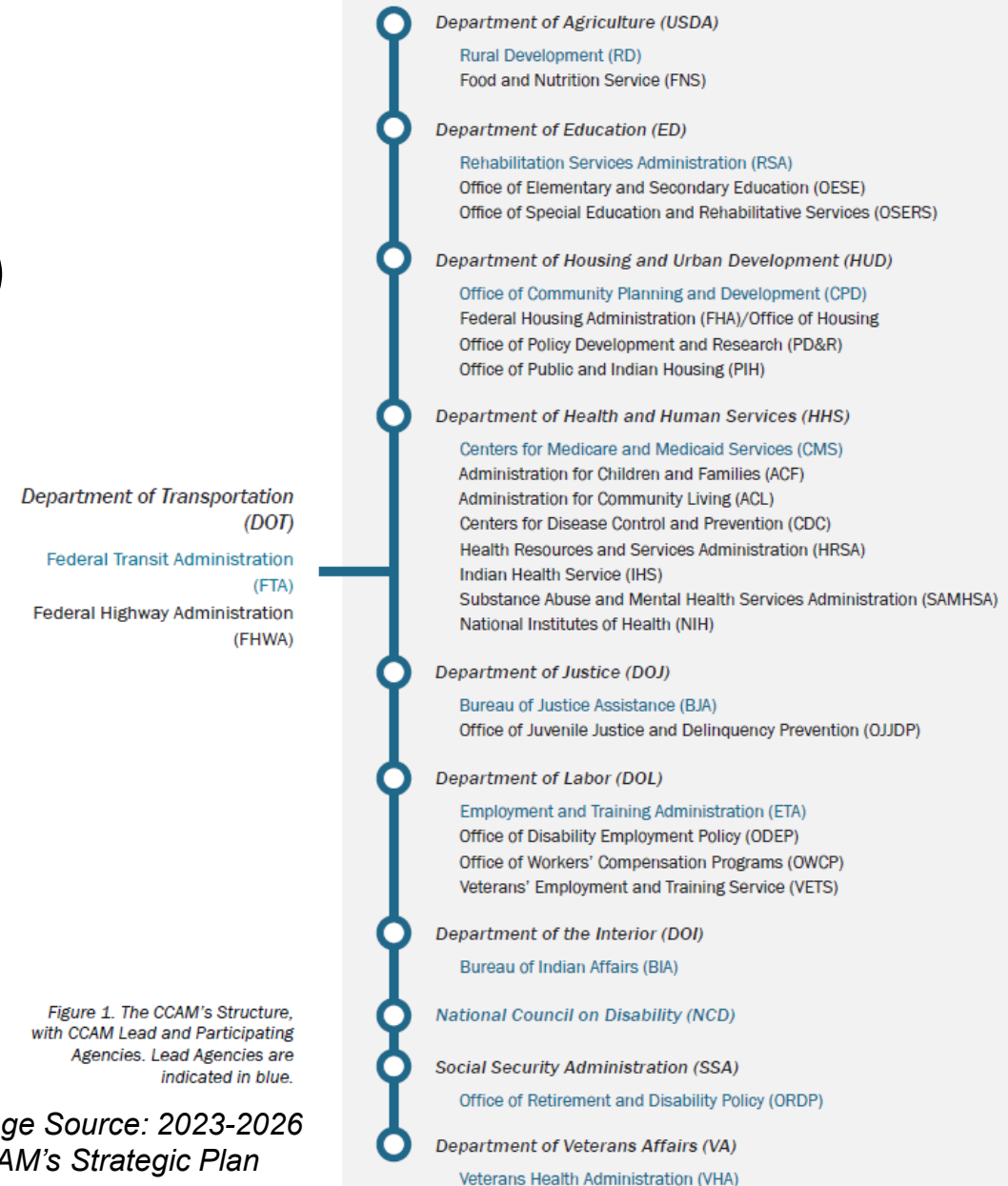


Figure 1. The CCAM's Structure, with CCAM Lead and Participating Agencies. Lead Agencies are indicated in blue.

Image Source: 2023-2026
CCAM's Strategic Plan

Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation (ACCT)

ACCT is a Council of State agencies, transportation providers, consumer advocates, and legislators with the mission to:

- Promote the coordination of special needs transportation
- Provide a forum for discussing issues and initiating change
- Provide oversight and direction to the state's coordination agenda
- Report to the legislature and propose legislative remedies

GOAL: “promote and support mobility for those people who are unable to transport themselves”



Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation (ACCT)

Membership Composition

10 Voting Members and 4 Non-Voting Members

1. Superintendent of public instruction
2. Secretary of Transportation
3. Secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services
4. Representative from the Office of the Governor
5. Representative from the Washington State Transit Association
6. Representative from the Washington Association of Pupil Transportation
7. Either one representative from the Community Transportation Association of the Northwest or a representative from the Community Action Council Association
8. **Three persons** who are consumers of special needs transportation services

The four non-voting members are *legislators*, including two members from the house of representatives and two members from the senate.



Lessons Learned

- CCAM works toward **leveraging resources in a coordinated way** with clear roles identified by membership type
- **Diverse composition of membership**, including those entities with transportation funding programs, could help explore ways to leverage funds
- Care should be taken to ensure that the **membership is comprehensive but of a manageable size**



Discussion Questions

- How should we **minimize duplication in services and share resources** to improve mobility in the region?
- **Which entities with dedicated transportation funding programs** could elevate efforts to leverage resources in a more coordinated way? Which entities do you think we should invite?
- Are there any **entities missing from the current SNTC membership** composition (see Attachment 6A)?



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Next Steps

- Review committee's feedback
- Continue and expand research (i.e., peer agency review)
- Interview CCAM, ACCT, or other stakeholders for further input
- PSRC will share updates at the March SNTC meeting



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Thank you

