

APPENDIX G
LOCALLY COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN
(LOCHSTP)

Coordination of human services transportation is required for federal funding programs under SAFETEA-LU. With the assistance of COGCNV, the Connecticut Department of Transportation is creating the coordination plan (LOCHSTP) for Northwestern Connecticut of which the CNVR is a part. COGCNV has played a significant role in the creation of LOCHSTP by holding meetings with the various stakeholders, conducting surveys, and determining priority projects. The federal programs that LOCHSTP will coordinate are sections 5310 (senior citizen van grant program), 5316(g) (job access and reverse commute), and 5317(f) (New Freedom program).

The goal of this coordination is to promote cooperation between different human services organizations that either provide or require transportation services. Through coordination and cooperation redundant services may be eliminated and efficiencies found, resulting in better use of limited resources. SAFETEA-LU also provides for new funding for disabled transportation under the New Freedom program. COGCNV staff has formed a Sub-Regional LOCHSTP Committee to identify transportation projects and priorities to be recommended to ConnDOT for funding under the New Freedom program.