

**A. Transportation**  
**(State Code 67-5008(1))**

Transportation services are designed to take older persons to and from community facilities and resources for the purpose of applying for and receiving services, reducing isolation, or promoting independence. IDAPA (15.01.01.010.45.)

Each AAA, in accordance with Section 306, OAA, shall assure that continuing efforts are made to make transportation services available to older individuals residing within the geographical boundaries of the PSA. IDAPA (15.01.01.023.01.)

1. Provide a quantitative and qualitative analysis identifying how needs for the above service were assessed.

Qualitative Analysis:

The following information identifies that the lack of transportation for seniors has a negative impact on their ability to maintain a healthy lifestyle, adversely effects their nutritional needs and causes isolation.

- The US Department of Transportation- Federal Highway Administration Report Dated March 2012 identified:
  - 21 % percent of the nation's population lives in rural/frontier communities.
  - 18 % of all jobs are located in rural communities.
  - The public transit dependent segment of the population is small and it is costly to service this segment.
  - Public Transportation choices are often unavailable.
  - 38% of the nation's rural residents live in areas without any public transportation, and less than 10 % of Federal spending for public transportation goes to rural communities.
  - There is often a lack of funding for providing adequate public transportation choices to accommodate travel demand growth or job access.
  - In the past, many rural communities were served by bus. Restructuring of the intercity bus transportation industry, combined with reductions in air fares and declining populations in many rural areas has led to reductions in rural bus service. Intercity bus services are not subsidized and are not required to keep lines open if they are unprofitable. Therefore, many smaller communities have no bus service.
- Information provided by AoA's 2011 Annual Report, Surveys and Research Briefs, (note: most recent report available), reported:

- 54 % of seniors using transportation services rely on them for the majority of their trips to doctors' offices, pharmacies, meal sites, and other critical daily activities that help them to remain in the community.
- Nearly 43 % of riders on OAA-funded transportation are mobility impaired, meaning they do not own a car or if they do own a car they do not drive, and are not near public transportation. Many of these individuals cannot safely drive a car, as nearly 75 % of transportation riders have at least one of the following chronic conditions that could impair their ability to navigate safely:
  - 68 % of riders had a doctor tell them they had vision problems (Including glaucoma, macular degeneration or cataracts);
  - 9 % have Alzheimer's or dementia;
  - 2 % have Multiple Sclerosis;
  - 19 % have had a stroke;
  - 3 % have epilepsy
  - 3 % have Parkinson's Disease

Additionally:

  - 98 % take daily medications, with 14 percent taking 10-20 medications daily.

The Lack of transportation increase the elders difficulty in accessing services and ultimately the risk for seniors being placed in assisted or skilled nursing facilities.

Additionally:

- In the report Transportation Innovations for Seniors- a Synopsis of Findings in Rural America produced by the Beverly foundation , the following Statement was made: "...both men and women will live for a period of time (as many as 6 years for men and 11 years for women) when they will be transportation dependent. It is the age 85+ population that is especially vulnerable to the need to give up their keys and become transportation dependent."

**Quantitative Analysis:**

The 2010 Census data for the senior population in PSA II is 25131. Out of that population, 47% live in rural areas and over 14% are living at or below poverty. The following chart shows the rural data in each of the counties in PSA II, ITD survey that shows the project senior population that is unable to drive or does not have access to transportation and those seniors below poverty:

County	Rural Pop 60+	Unable to drive	At or below poverty
Clearwater	2862	64 (2.2%)	802
Idaho	5151	863 (16.8%)	2612
Latah	6118	1095 (17.9%)	6971
Lewis	1183	277 (23.45%)	534

Nez Perce	9817	709 (7.2%)	4033
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- The Twin County United Way Needs Assessment 2013 lists transportation assistance as the fifth most common (22%) service that respondents named as most helpful to families.
- Interlink Volunteers, Faith in Action, one of the largest volunteer driver transportation providers in the PSA, reports that they provide an average of 110 boardings per week.
- Jeannie Kyle, Disabled Veterans Transportation of Spokane Veterans Hospital, said that over FY2013 that the VA transported 148 veterans from the region to medical appointments in Spokane and 72 transports from Lewiston to the Walla Walla.
- In 2013, over 137,160 boardings have been reported for Region II, the majority for fixed route services. 8436 Boardings were reported, serving primarily aging and disabled individuals through Demand Response services. ( Ridership Report for 2013 dated Jan 2014)

## 2. How does the AAA support the above program in the PSA?

A. The AAA has diligently worked to develop an area-wide plan to effectively meet the transportation needs of our vulnerable elders by developing fixed price agreements with participating transportation providers. The program focuses on demand/response services as this is the type of transportation identified as most needed by the aging and disabled clients we serve. By identifying and contracting with service providers, the AAA increases transportation accessibility and availability in much of the PSA but, unfortunately, not all. Demand/response transportation service is the AAA's most effective way of addressing the needs in PSA II, as identified by the PSA's largest needs assessment conducted by Twin County United Way, with the limited amount of funding available.

In FY2015, the AAA entered into Fixed Price Agreements with six transportation providers in PSAll who provided 1,670 rides.

### AllAA paid senior transportation:

#### ✓ COAST Transportation

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**Call: 509-397-2935**

**Website: <http://coa-hs.org/>**

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**Address:** 2460 S Grand, Pullman  
Pullman, WA 99163

✓ **Interlink Volunteers**

**Serving:** *Lewis Clark Valley*

**Call:** 509-751-9143

**Website:** <http://www.interlinkvolunteers.org/>

**Address:** Interlink Volunteers  
817 A 6th Street  
Clarkston, WA 99403-2002

✓ **Salmon River Seniors, Inc.**

**Serving:** *Riggins and surrounding Idaho County with weekly trips to Grangeville.*

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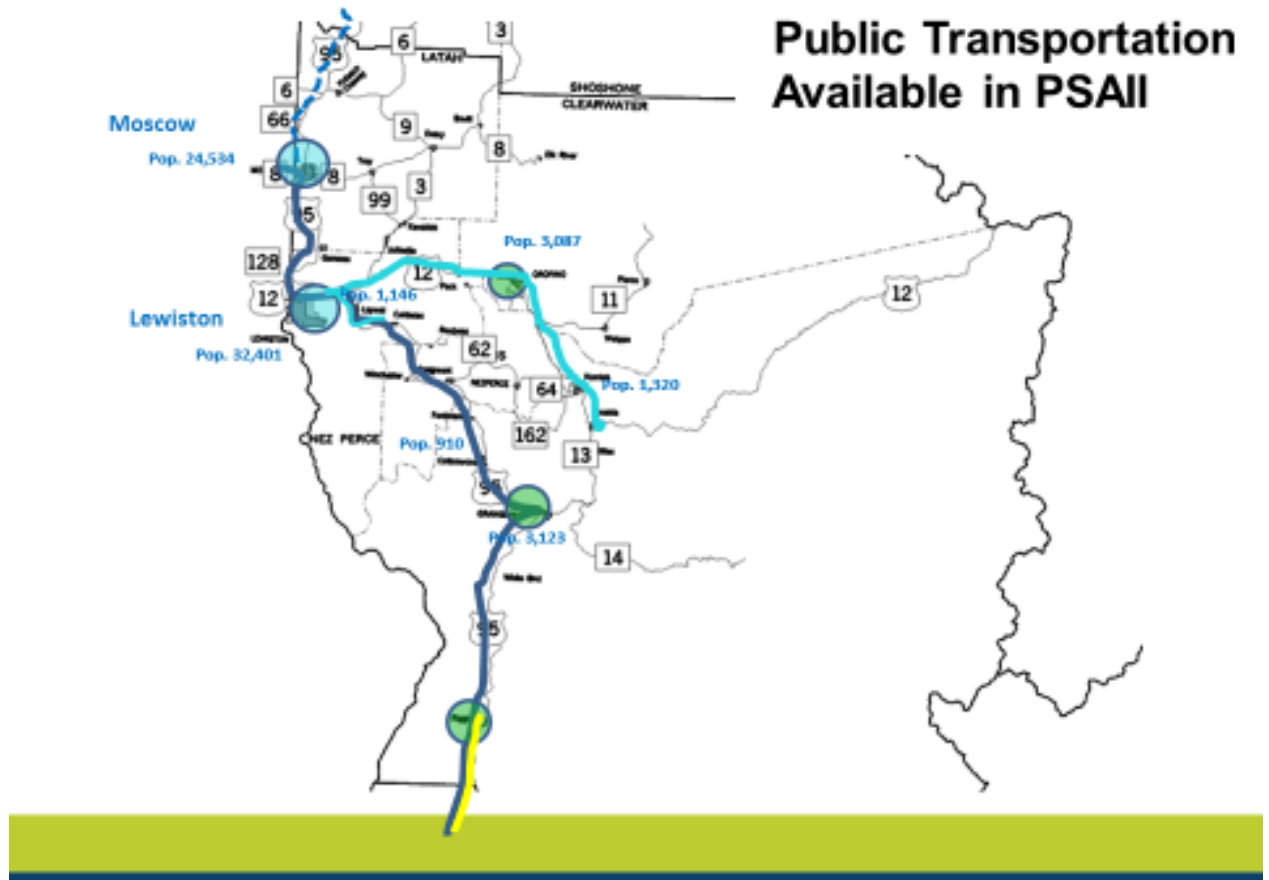
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- **Serving:** *Moscow*
- **Call:** 208-883-7747
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- **Address:** Regional Public Transportation, Inc.  
SMART Transit  
PO Box 3854  
Moscow, ID 83843

**Non-paid senior transportation.**

**\*\*\*For a fee to the consumer, transportation providers indicated will provide door to door transportation:**



✓ **Nez Perce Tribe/Appaloosa Express.**

- **Serving:** Nez Perce, Clearwater and Idaho Counties.
- **Call:** (208) 621-4691
- **Website:** <http://www.nezperce.org/official/Appaloosa%20Express.htm>
- **Address:** Appaloosa Express Transit  
P.O. Box 52  
44335 U.S. 95  
Lapwai, ID 83540

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B. Transportation service providers will be made available to consumers by the AIIAA.

C. Transportation service providers will refer potentially eligible consumers to the AIIAA for enhanced assistance whenever indicated

- D. The AIIAA understands that there are significantly underserved communities throughout the rural PSA in every county. The AIIAA will work with local partners, notably the senior mealsites and transportation providers, and seek ways and means to enhance senior transportation services.

3. Specifically address activities and funds that are being used to support these activities.

In FY 2016, transportation is provided using 6% of federal Older Americans Act funds or \$34,871, resulting in approximately 4,981 boardings. The AAA is currently in Fixed Price Agreements five transportation providers in the five north central Idaho counties in PSA II.

- The AAA distributes funding throughout the five counties in PSAII based on the *percentage of 60+ residents* in each county and the *number of services providers* interested in providing AIIAA senior transportation services.