Project Wrap Up
Project Objectives

• Create a steering committee made up of representatives from MCTS, MCDA, HHS, and six to eight community members from the disability and older adult community.

• Complete an Environmental scan of transportation options within Milwaukee County and Southeastern Wisconsin.

• Create recommendations for improving inclusion in transit planning in Milwaukee County.

• Host a conference/round table meeting for transit stakeholders.
Project Accomplishments

- Core Steering Committee members made up of four transit riders and two government agencies.

- Survey of riders and providers
  - Insightful questions written by transit riders
  - Modest participation during grant period, but plans to continue collection of responses after end of grant period.

- Partnership with the Transit Next and Milwaukee Street car projects
  - Both partners were willing to consider improvements to inclusion
  - Listening sessions specifically for older adults and persons with disabilities scheduled. Sessions were very well attended.

- Round table conference
  - World Café method used to open a dialogue between transit providers, advocates, and riders.
  - Well attended. Most participants valued the experience and discussion.
Lessons Learned

• The grant period goes by quickly. It's important to be realistic with project plans.
  • One month to organize first Steering Committee Meeting.
  • Four months to plan and execute projects.
  • One month for debriefing.

• Connecting with existing groups/networking is essential
  • If your organization does not have a working network, it's important to reach out to those who do.
  • Networking and connecting should be a goal throughout the entire grant project.
Sustainability

• Communication between transportation providers and advocates to continue through a shared e-mail list. An agreed upon topic of discussion will be improving communication and inclusiveness of older adults and persons with disabilities in programming.

• Department on Aging to continue Transit 4 All Steering Committee with meeting dates to be scheduled for 2019.

• Milwaukee County Transit Services will continue to partner with Department on Aging and schedule listening sessions and programs with MCDA.
At the start of the project, Milwaukee County Department on Aging (MCDA) self-rated as being at Level 3 on the “Steps to Inclusion.” The goal was to move the Department one step up to a Level 4.

Aspects of MCDA operated at a Level 4 by the end of the project period, specifically, the transportation program. Continued growth is happening in other areas of the Department.

The Transit 4 All grant project operated at a Level 5 from the beginning to the end of the project.