

*** ANNOUNCEMENT ***

The York Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (YAMPO) in cooperation with PennDOT announces the opening of the application period for the **2010 - 2011 Job Access/Reverse Commute (JARC)/Welfare-to-Work (W2W) and New Freedom Programs** for York County. The applications and supporting information are also posted on the following Websites: www.rabbittransit.org and www.ycpc.org (refer to the third and fourth menu items of both Webpages). Applicants also have the opportunity to apply electronically through PennDOT's Bureau of Public Transit "dotGrant" website. Please contact John Levitsky of the Bureau of Public Transit at (717) 787-1206 for further information.

The JARC grant program assists the state and local entities in developing new and expanded transportation services that connect welfare recipients and other low income persons to jobs and other employment-related services. The New Freedom Program encourages services and facility improvements to address the transportation needs of persons with disabilities that go beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). **More detailed explanations of these Programs are provided in the second menu item of the webpage.**

Moreover, a copy of the *approved* YAMPO Human Services/Transportation Services Coordinated Plan for use in the application development process is provided in the **fifth menu item of the Webpage**. The Plan includes factors/strategies/priorities developed for this Coordination effort. The Plan document also includes information concerning the population characteristics of York County. This information may aid you in preparing your application. **Please review the Coordinated Plan carefully.** The project or projects you propose **must relate to the factors/strategies/priorities** identified in the Coordinated Plan, in order for your application to receive further consideration.

The steering committee that developed the YAMPO Coordinated Plan will oversee the application submission and evaluation process. The evaluation report will then be submitted to the YAMPO Committees for review and approval. PennDOT requires the YAMPO to complete and approve this application process no later than **April 15, 2010**.

The application submission schedule is established, as follows:

- * Program announcement/distribution of applications to potential applicants on or before **February 16, 2010**; and,
- * Completed applications for both programs must be submitted **on or before 4:30 p.m., March 15, 2010**.

Because funding is limited, there will be no consideration of operating projects unless the applicant includes an identified funding source to continue operations beyond the funding year. Consideration may be given to operating projects which demonstrate that the applicant has the institutional and fiscal capacity to sustain the project beyond the initial source of funding. Required local match is one of the options PennDOT is considering for JARC and New Freedom projects to make sure there is local oversight and ownership.

Further, PennDOT is committed to funding sustainable projects. The YAMPO and the Department will give the highest priority to the following:

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- * Capital projects which provide the infrastructure for service;
- * IT technology to improve the delivery of passenger service; and,
- * Vanpools.

Please submit all completed applications to the following name and address:

Jephrey L. Rebert, Senior Transportation Planner
York County Planning Commission
28 East Market Street, Room 301
York, PA 17401-1580

Should you have any questions regarding this application, please do not hesitate to contact Jephrey Rebert, Senior Transportation Planner of the York County Planning Commission (jrebert@ycpc.org) or Richard Farr, CM, Executive Director of rabbittransit (rfarr@rabbittransit.org).