

## **West Virginia Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan MAP-21 Updates**

### **West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT)**

West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Public Transit secured the services of RLS & Associates, Inc. to update Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plans for 11 multi-county regions across the state. The plans meet requirements of the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Section 5310 grant program for the State's 11 planning and development regions; to assist FTA Section 5311 and 5307 recipients to coordinate to the maximum extent feasible; to assist Metropolitan Planning Organizations with coordination efforts; and to provide technical assistance to organizations in the area of coordination. The planning process involved extensive public outreach efforts, statewide. It also involved multiple local public and stakeholder meetings and public surveys in each region to gain an assessment of current unmet transportation needs and gaps in services, especially for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and people with low incomes, but also for the general public. In addition, RLS conducted an indepth analysis of existing public, private, and human service agency transportation resources. All identified needs/gaps in transportation and existing transportation resources were summarized in a draft report. Next, local stakeholders identified coordinated transportation planning priorities to be implemented over the next four years. RLS documented the goals, priorities, and strategies into a final, locally developed plan. All plans were adopted at the local level.