

HSTP 101

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The **Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP)** coordination process in Illinois came into being in 2009, following the federal transportation funding reauthorization in 2005¹. In response to this federal action, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) established procedures to carry out the coordination process, including the creation of HSTP Regions across the state. This process included Region 6 in central and east central Illinois. Currently, the Region includes five counties, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Kankakee and McLean. Coordination of Region 6 was originally conducted through the Champaign County Urbanized Area Transportation Study (CUAATS), and in 2010 was transferred to the **McLean County Regional Planning Commission (MCRPC)**.

CURRENT STATUS

Each participating county enters into an agreement with IDOT under which the county receives access to vehicles for its service providers through the **Consolidated Vehicle Procurement Program (CVP)** funded through IDOT. Arrangements for the scope of transportation services, operational and capital funding and funding formulas are also subject through County – IDOT agreements.

Regional coordination for the participating counties and agencies is provided under an agreement between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the McLean County Regional Planning Commission.

MCRPC's main task under this agreement is the development and implementation of Region 6 Human Services Transportation Plan for, the content of which is driven by guidance from the agreement. MCRPC is directed to develop regional plan focused on rural public transportation needs in the member counties and including general demographic analysis as well as specific analysis of groups such as persons with disabilities, the elderly, persons requiring non-emergency medical transport, veterans as well as the general public.

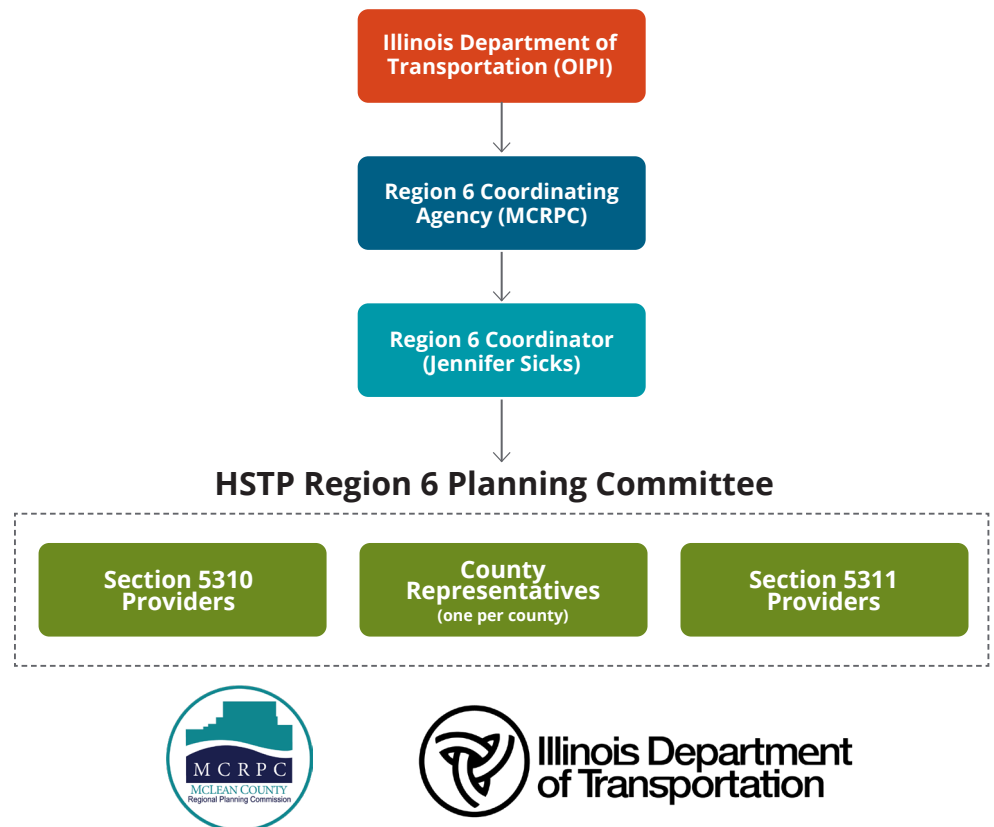
MCRPC's responsibilities under the coordination agreement also include administrative activities including the ongoing schedule of Regional quarterly meetings, technical assistance for participating counties,

inspection and confirmation of program compliance by transit service providers, and reports to IDOT regarding program status.









MCRPC also collects ridership data, including monthly statistics regarding trip requests, trip denials, provision of services beyond the county served, and related data. Analysis of these statistics provides guidance on program improvements needed to maximize the availability of services needed by the uniquely vulnerable users offered through the HSTP program.

¹ The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

HSTP Region 6 Organizational Structure



Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) Region 6 - Providers & Counties

-  Connect GO (rural)
-  Futures Connections
-  SHOW BUS
-  River Valley Metro MTD
-  Connect Transit (urban)
-  Connect FLEX
-  Region 6 Boundary
-  County Boundary

