

# Customized Transportation Plan

This customized transportation plan is meant to generate conversation between counselor and consumer regarding the consumer's transportation situation. The questions guide the conversation through various transportation routes, the consumer's transportation history, and the consumer's transportation options. This series of questions may also be used independently by consumers to help them think creatively about their transportation needs. The end goal of these questions is to help the consumer craft a workable transportation plan that is customized to their own unique situation.

## Demographic Information

Name:

Job Title:

Salary (specify per hour and hours per week):

Any special accommodations, equipment, etc., to go to/from work?

## Customized Transportation Information

### **Route:**

How familiar are you with the route to and from work?

Distance to work in miles:

Distance to work in minutes and the mode of transportation (driving, walking, etc.):

What kind of road do you live on (e.g., highway, major road, minor road, dirt road)?

How far is your nearest neighbor (in minutes and specify mode)?

How far is the nearest neighbor that you have ever shared a ride with (in minutes and specify mode)?

### **History:**

If you have worked since your vision loss, how did you get to work?

What options have you already explored to get to/from work?

Explain how these options did or did not work out.

How do you get to the grocery store?

### **Financial:**

Have you paid for transportation in the past?

If so, what kind of transportation was it?

How much did you pay (note per mile or per trip)?

How much do you think you will have to spend to get to and from work each day?

**Physical Limitations:**

What are your physical limitations regarding getting to and from work?

Could you walk outside to meet a car or van?

Could you walk a few blocks or to your nearest street corner or to a pickup point to wait for a ride?

How far could you walk from a drop off point to your work (specify in feet or minutes)?

**Transportation Options****Private Vehicle:**

Do you own a vehicle that another person could drive?

If yes, is the car dependable?

If yes, is the car insured?

Is there a car in your household that another person could drive?

If yes, is the car dependable?

If yes, is the car insured?

Is there someone in your household who might be able to drive you?

If yes, who?

What needs to be done to make arrangements for this person to drive you?

**Public Transportation:**

Is there public transportation near your home?

Is there public transportation near your workplace?

**Carpooling/Drivers:**

Are there others living near you going to the same general location that you could ride with?

Are there others near your workplace that may have drivers you could ride with?

Have you ever hired a driver?

What resources do you have to assist you in finding a ride to and from work (e.g., friends, family, church or civic groups)?

**Planning**

If you are already working, how do you get to and from work?

Is this a temporary mode of transportation?

If yes, when will it end?

What is your ideal way of getting to and from work?

Given costs, limitations, etc., what do you think is the most feasible way for you to get to and from work?

What are some back-up transportation options you could use in case of emergency?

**Additional Information:**

**Consider discussing each of the following, if appropriate:**

- Public transportation
- ADA complementary para transit service
- Other potential transportation services
- Taxicabs
- Carpooling with co-workers
- Carpooling with people working at nearby businesses
- Hired drivers
- Relatives or friends as drivers
- Volunteer drivers
- Back-up plans
- Bicycles
- Walking to work
- Transportation costs
- Etiquette tips