

Questions/Comments	Responses
<p>We need some assistance. Would you please steer us in the right direction so we can familiar ourselves with the item “Address High Need Area: provide service to area scoring high in human services transportation need index”. Where can we find the need index?</p>	<p>The human services transportation need index is this map.</p> <p>The need index includes data for persons with low income, persons with disabilities, persons 65 and over and persons without access to a vehicle. A description of the need index and the map will be published in the upcoming coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan (HSTP).</p>
<p>I am confused on how I fill out the section II of the grant application. We are supposed to reference a page that the project is referenced in the HSTP. How should we proceed in filling out that section for the submission to SCOG and then again to WSDOT since the HSTP is in draft form until December and application deadlines precede that date.</p>	<p>Section II is located on Page 1 of the project form, for reference.</p> <p>The draft HSTP will be distributed by SCOG on October 15, 2014. It will sent to the special needs email distribution list maintained by SCOG and posted to SCOG’s website on that date. <u>Please do not fill out Section II of the project form until the draft HSTP is distributed.</u></p> <p>The final HSTP will not be adopted until December 2014. Any references in grant application materials will have to be to the draft HSTP.</p> <p>Application materials are due to SCOG by October 24, 2014 and to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) by November 19, 2014. The WSDOT Public Transportation Division has been notified that the final HSTP for Skagit and Island counties will not be adopted until after their November application deadline for the consolidated grant program.</p> <p>If you would like to be included on the special needs email distribution list that SCOG maintains, and are not already, please email Mark Hamilton at markh@scog.net.</p>

Are shapefiles available for the proportion based and population based high need areas?

Geographic information systems (GIS) shapefiles have been made available by Transpo Group for the need index.

Please contact Mark Hamilton at markh@scog.net to request the shapefiles and they will be emailed to you. You will need ArcGIS software to view the files.