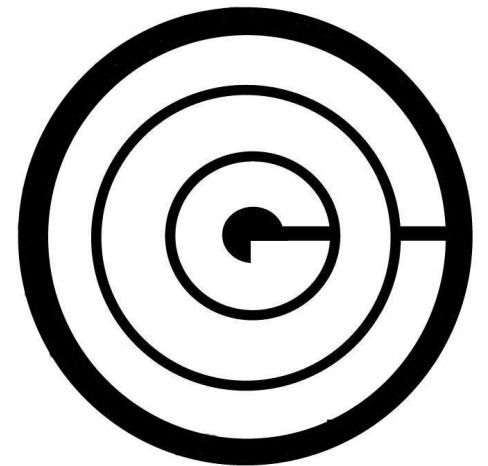


Mercer County Regional Council of Governments (MCRCOG)

Public Transportation Overview



**MCRCOG
Transit
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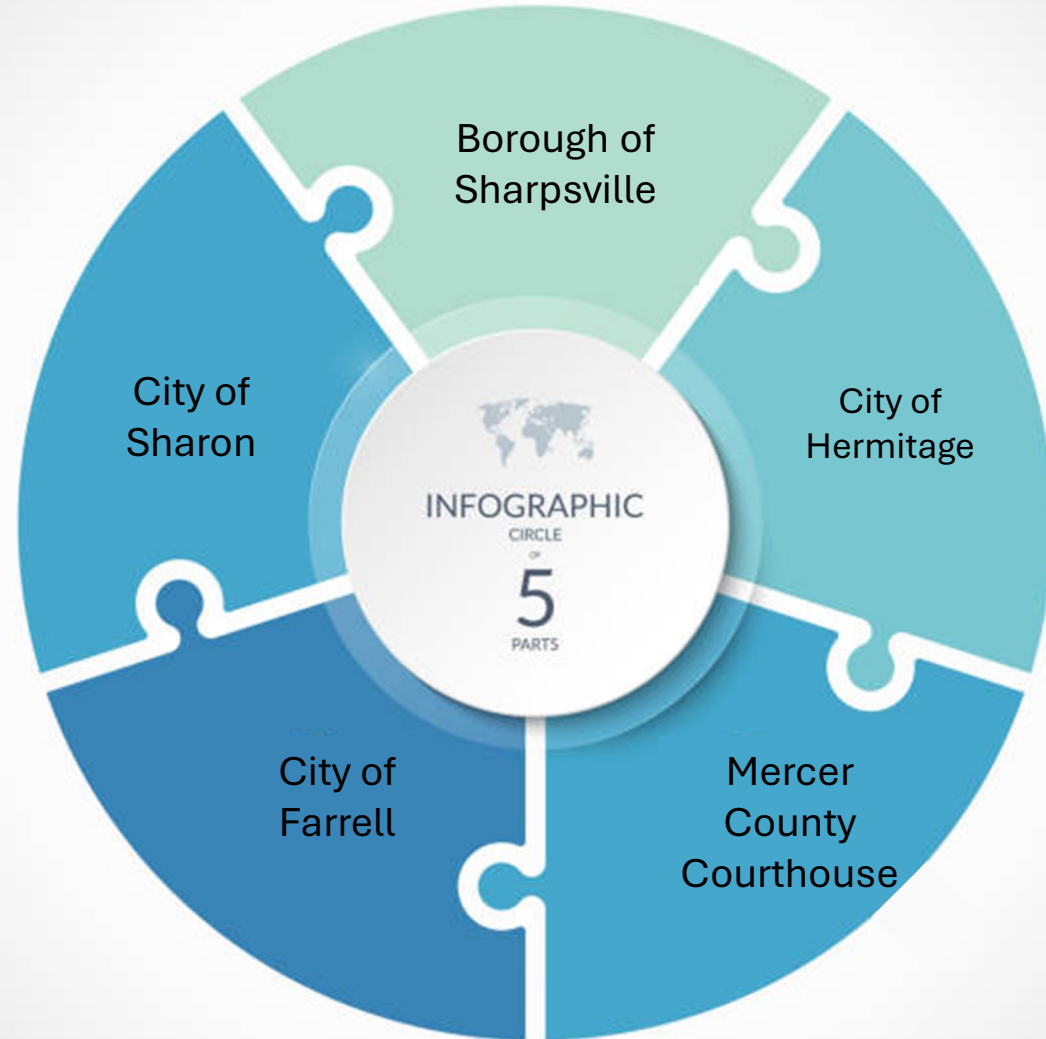
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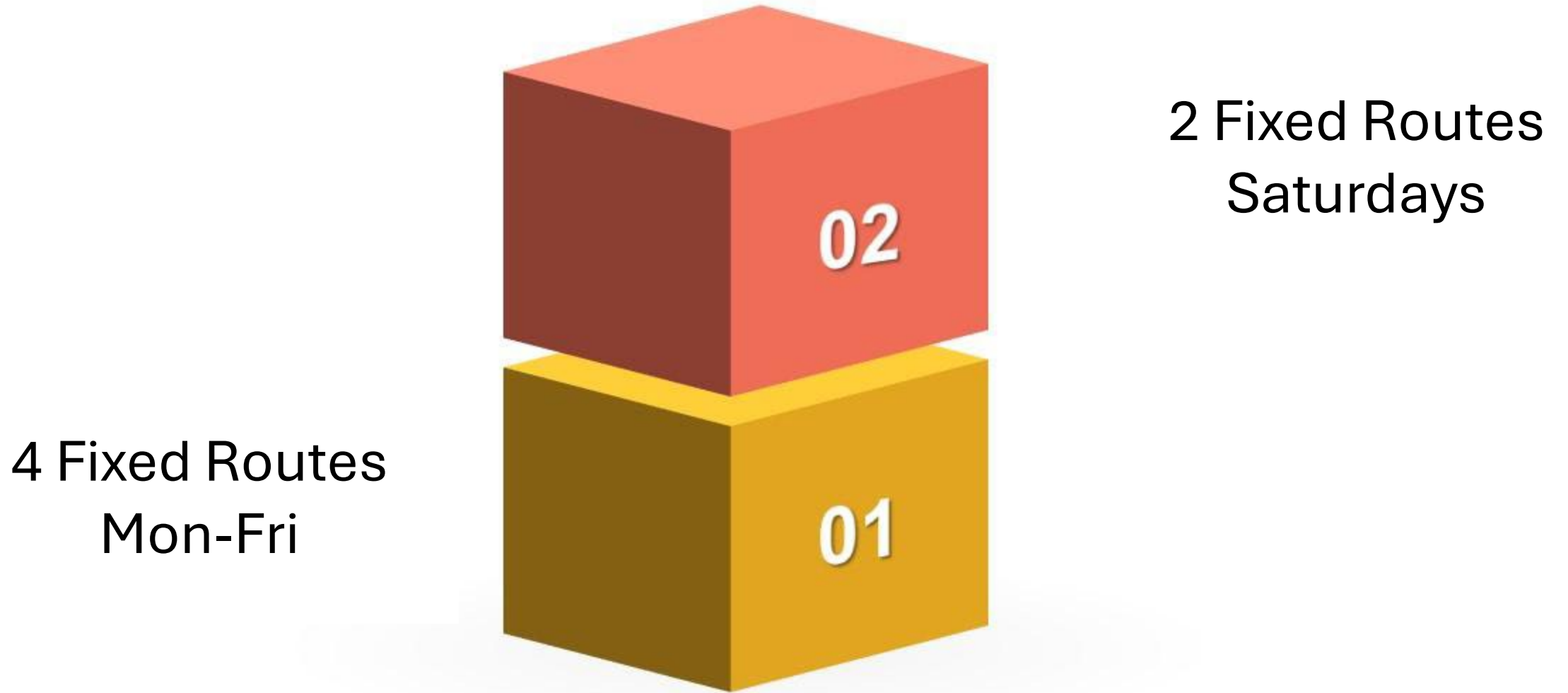
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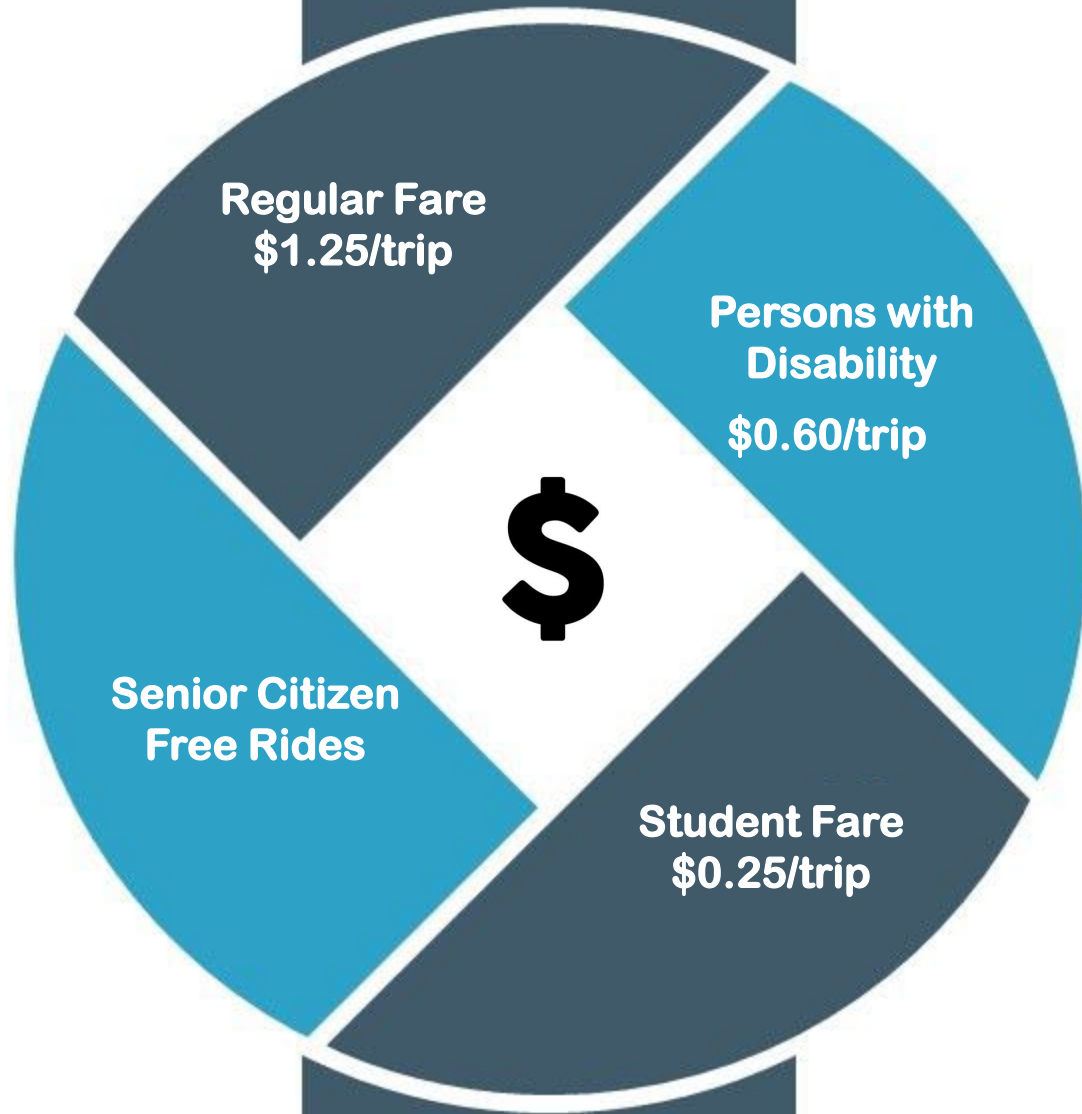
SVSS Service Area



SVSS Operations



Approximately 65,000 passengers trips annually



SVSS Fares

SVSS Fleet Inventory



3 Diesel Gillig Buses



3 CNG Gillig Buses



3 Gasoline Cutaway Buses

SVSS Technology & Systems

Offers real-time bus tracking via My Stop App



Displays bus location and passenger count



Collects operational data for FTA and PennDot Reports



Avail

Modeshift

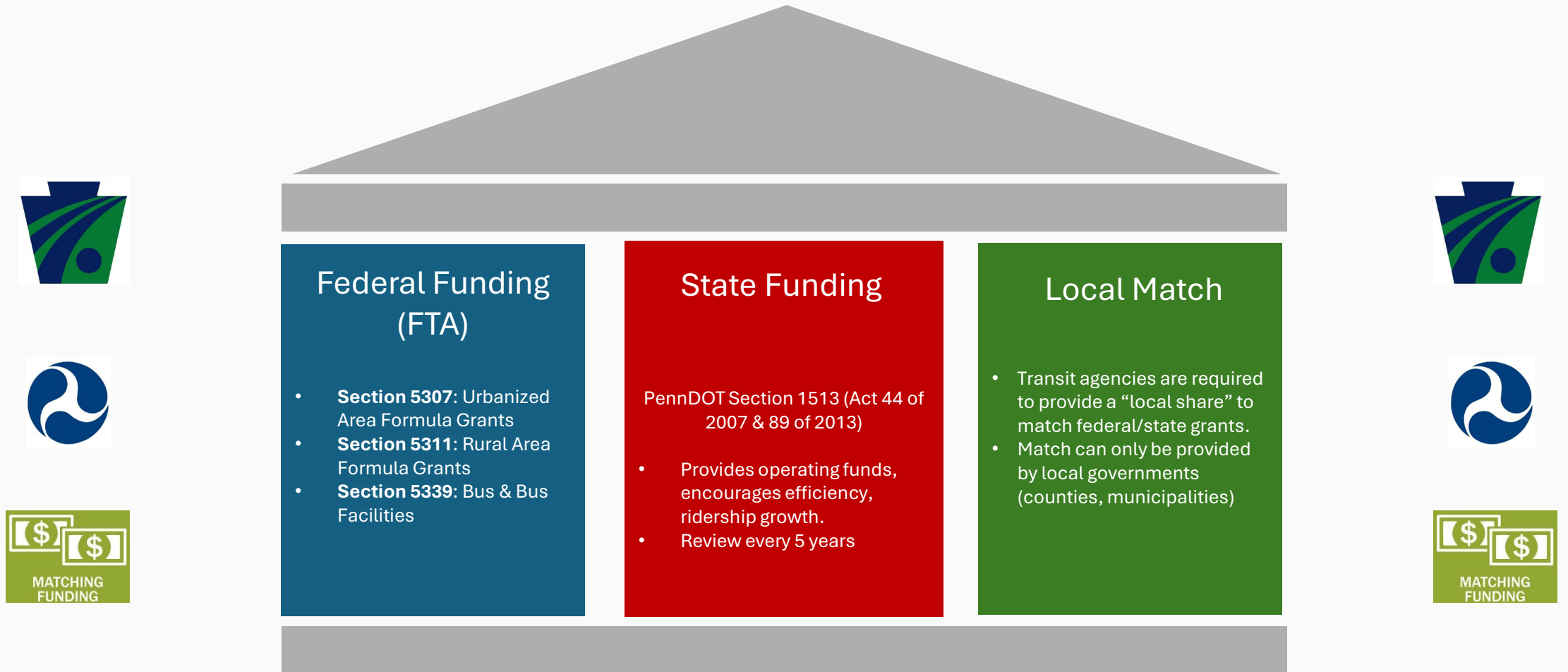
Cashless fare payment system via RideSVSS app



Riders can purchase fares and validate trips onboard via QR codes



SVSS Funding & Oversight



Previously part of Youngstown Urbanized Area
In 2023, changed to Rural Agency due to population changes
Transition from Section 5307 to Section 5311 funding by PennDOT

SVSS Triennial Review Areas

1
Legal

2
Financial Management & Capacity

3
Technical Capacity

4
Transit Asset Management

5
Continuing Control

6
Maintenance

7
Procurement

8
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)

9
Title VI

10
ADA (General & Complementary Paratransit)

11
Drug-Free Workplace Act

12
Drug & Alcohol Program

13
Section 5307 Requirements

14
Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)

15
Cybersecurity

As a **Section 5311** recipient, **PennDOT** will conduct oversight through the **State Management Review** process.

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Mercey County Community Transit (MCCT)

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MCCT
MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY TRANSIT



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MCCT Service

(Door-to-door, countywide shared-ride service)

Availability

Mon-Fri: General
Public

Saturdays:
Limited Dialysis
Trips

Expanded Service

VA Medical Center
(Butler County)

UMPC
(Lawrence County)

Medical
appointments to
Pittsburgh

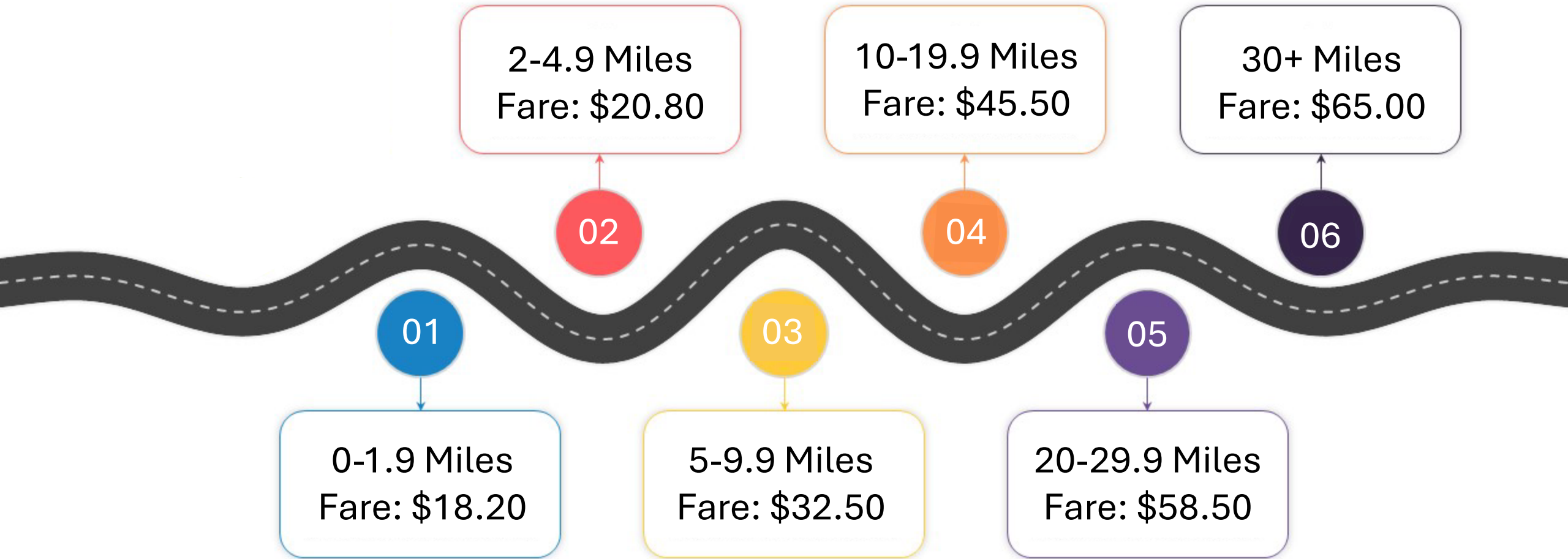
Americans with Disabilities

All vehicles are ADA
Compliant

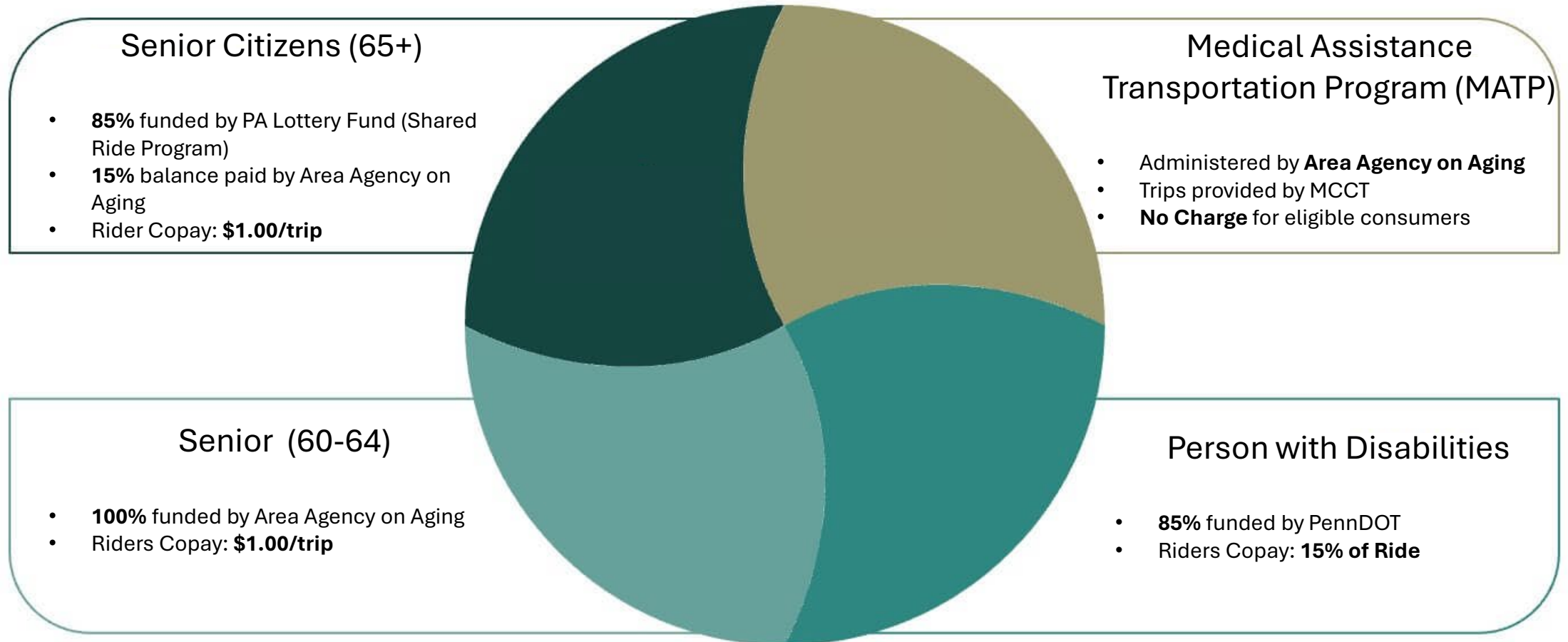
Planning Trips

Advance
reservations are
required to book
trips

MCCT Fare Structure (Mileage-Based)



Fare Subsidy Programs



Senior Citizens (65+)

- **85%** funded by PA Lottery Fund (Shared Ride Program)
- **15%** balance paid by Area Agency on Aging
- Rider Copay: **\$1.00/trip**

Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP)

- Administered by **Area Agency on Aging**
- Trips provided by MCCT
- **No Charge** for eligible consumers

Senior (60-64)

- **100%** funded by Area Agency on Aging
- Riders Copay: **\$1.00/trip**

Person with Disabilities

- **85%** funded by PennDOT
- Riders Copay: **15% of Ride**

MCCT Funding



Federal Funding (FTA)

- Section 5310: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities
 - Provides capital and operational support
 - Administered by PennDOT
- Section 5311: Rural Area Formula Grants

State Funding

- PennDOT Grants (Buses, Equipment, Operations, Etc.)
- State law framework is largely shaped by Act 44 of 2007 (as amended by Act 89 of 2013). This created a dedicated fund for public transportation called the Public Transportation Trust Fund (PTTF)

Local Match

- Transit agencies are required to provide a “local share” to match federal/state grants.
- Match can only be provided by local governments (counties, municipalities)



Oversight: PennDOT Shared Ride Compliance Review (every 4 years)

Our Current Challenges

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- Transition from Urban to Rural Funding model
 - Maintaining service levels amid funding adjustments
 - Managing aging fleet and capital replacement needs
 - Recruiting and retaining qualified drivers and mechanics
 - Lower wages and high turnover
 - Increasing ridership and community awareness