

Lake County Paratransit IDOT Fall Planning Conference



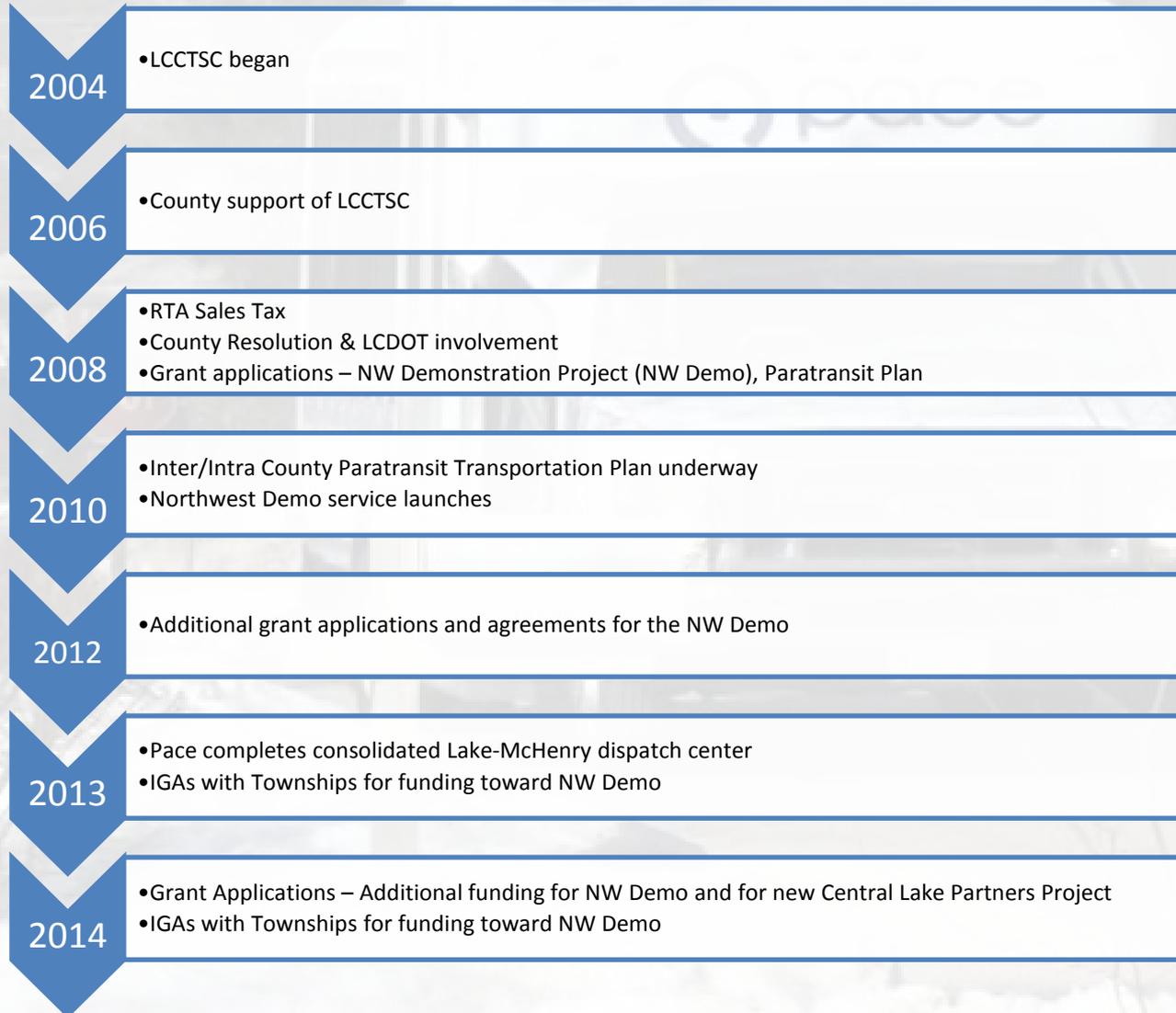
Lake County Coordinated Transportation Services Committee

Founded in 2004, the **Lake County Coordinated Transportation Services Committee (LCCTSC)** is a broad based coalition of government officials, service providers and advocacy groups concerned with the provision of public transportation in and around Lake County.

Mission

“...facilitate the implementation of coordinated, efficient, reliable and affordable public transportation throughout Lake County, with particular reference to paratransit, that will serve the needs of persons with disabilities or medical challenges, the elderly, low income residents and those in need of transportation for access to employment.” - *LCCTSC Bylaws*

Timeline



Original Framework

Original Framework Outlined by Board Resolution:

- Provide staff support to the LCCTSC
- Work with Pace to broaden paratransit services
- Apply for grants related to paratransit coordination
- Plan for a 24/7 dispatch center and/or help with local match of pilot projects
- Evaluate/report on efforts to sustain a coordinated countywide service

Inter/Intra County Paratransit Transportation Plan

- Improve services today assuming no new resources
- Identify and prioritize improvements should any new resources become available
- Key Recommendations
 - Centralized information location (website)
 - Dial-a-Ride consolidations
 - Countywide trip reservations, scheduling, dispatching
 - Future trip planning function

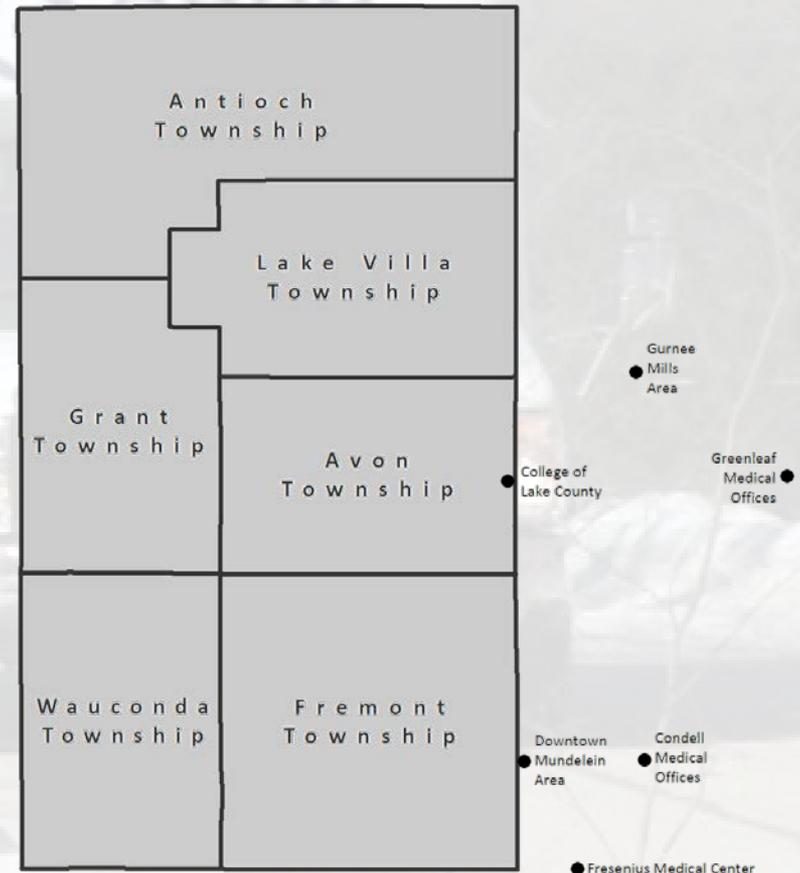
Northwest Demo

Purpose: assess needs using grant funds

Existing Pace service: limited hours didn't meet needs

Originally 4 townships, expanded to 6 in 2012

NW Demo Steering Committee/LCCTSC

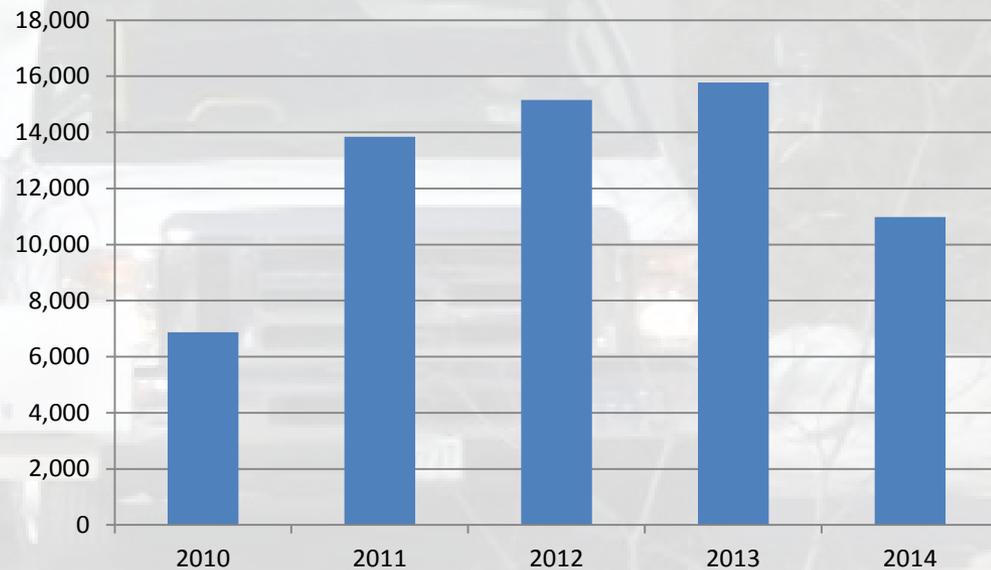


Northwest Demo

Throughout the past 5 years...

- Assess data to understand needs
- Increased fares
- Adjusted destinations
- Service area grew
- Implemented mileage-based fare
- Township funding

NW Demo Ridership



2014 Stats and Facts

338 individual riders made 10,978 one-way trips
(58% work, 27% med, 4% CLC)

Funding Sources: JARC, New Freedom, Section 5310, Townships, Pace, County

9,148 trips were 10 miles or less;
1,830 trips were more than 10 miles

Approx. \$26/one-way trip

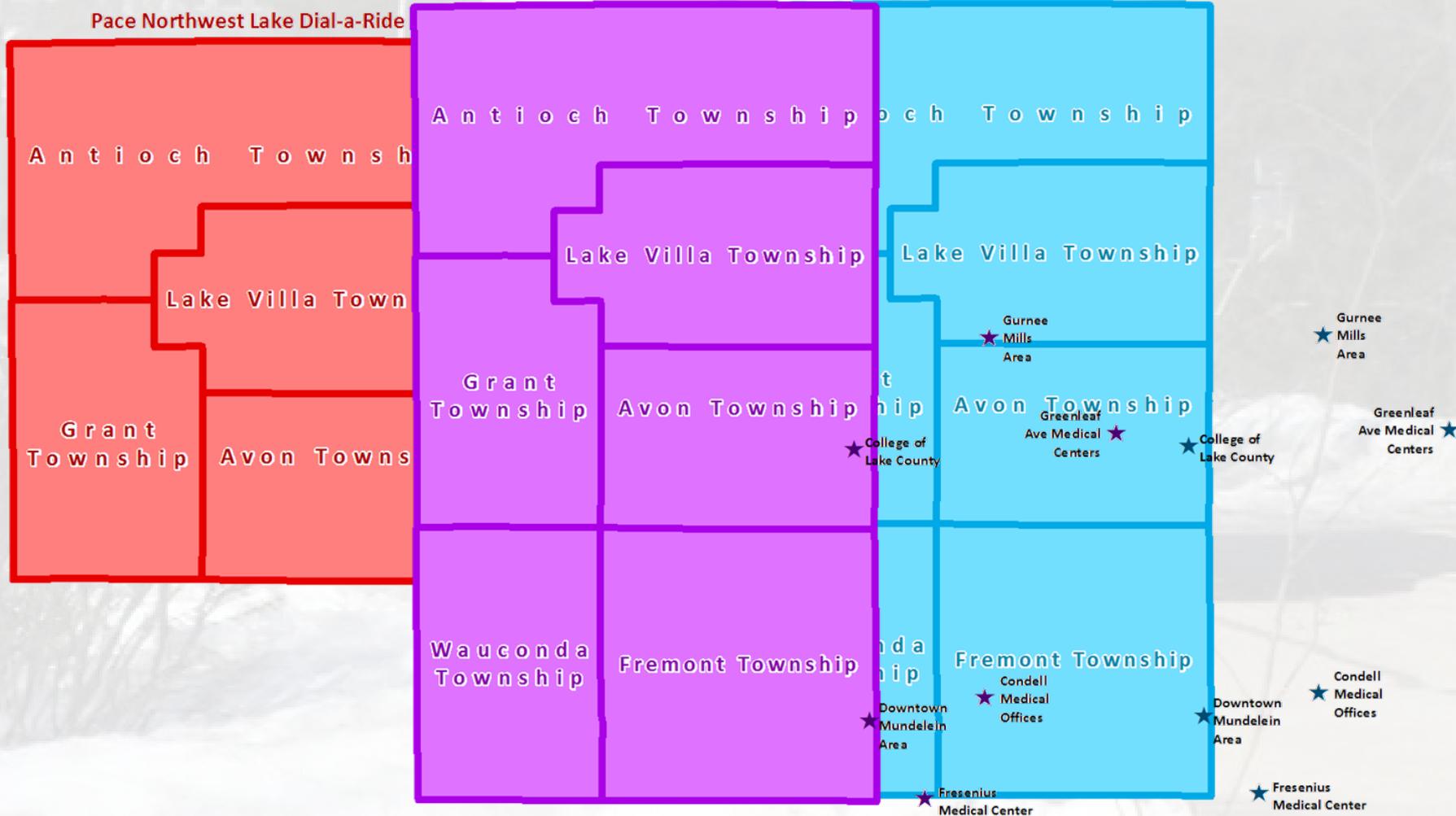
Fare: \$3 Senior/Disabled (\$4 Low Income) for trips 10 miles or less, \$6 for all trips over 10 miles

Approx. \$25,000/month (for around 900 trips/month)

Northwest Sustainability

Creating Efficient County Services
West Lake County Consolidated Service Merger

Northwest Demo



Goal: Sustain a level of service once grant funding is expended

October 14, 2015

Central Lake Partners

New Pilot Project - 3 townships, 2 municipalities

Build on existing coordination

June 2014 Board resolution for grant application

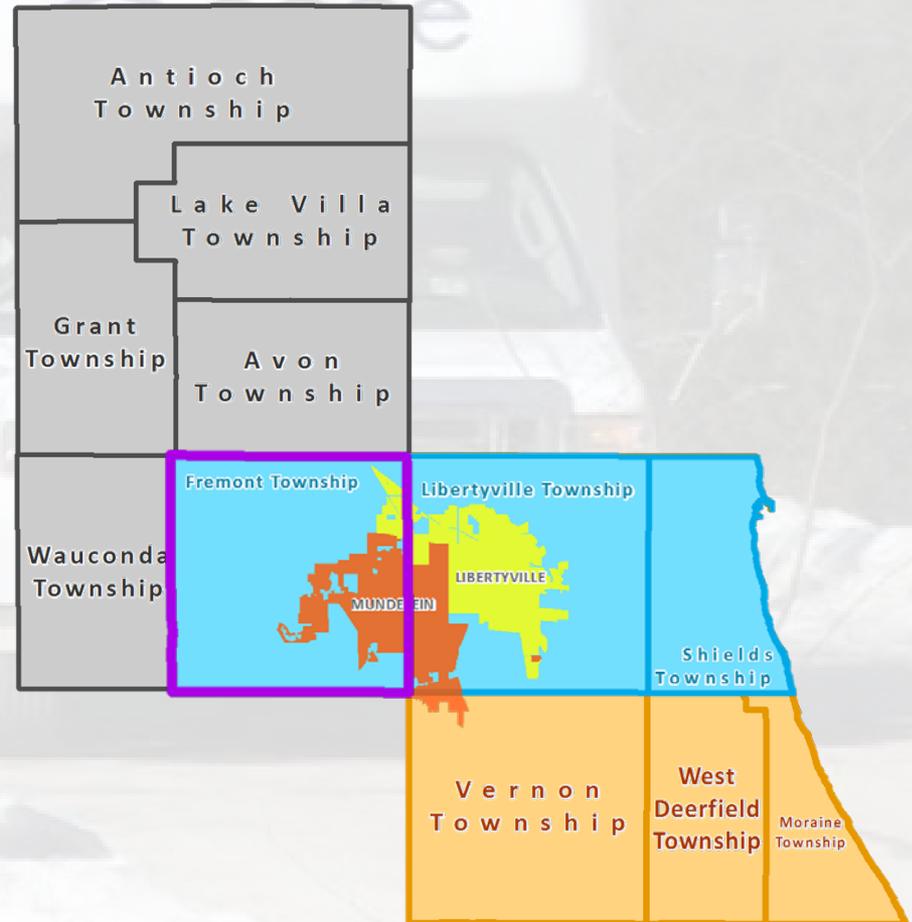
Central Lake Partners Project Steering Committee established

Anticipated funding:

Fed (thru RTA): \$164,000

County Match: \$164,000

RTA Agreement to LC Board in future



Challenges

Coordination Takes Time

- LCCTSC Initiative
- Currently not a “one-size fits all” solution due to local preferences (populations, destinations, geography)
- All may not want a regional system
- Staff resources

Federal Grant Funding

- RTA Human Service Transportation Plan - existing projects (priority), expansion projects (secondary)
- Funding secured where executed agreements in place
- Future of grant funding unknown
- Funding rules and requirements

Sustainability

- RTA paratransit sustainability study
- Merging of services/resources
- Gain efficiencies through coordination
- Funding
- Local policy issues/decisions

Thank You!

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