



History of Regional Coordinating Councils in Massachusetts

In 2011, Governor Deval Patrick of Massachusetts signed Executive Order (EO) 530, which formed a commission to review the quality and efficiency of paratransit and community transportation throughout the Commonwealth. The commission recommended that Regional Coordinating Councils be formed at the local level.

The **SOUTH EAST REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL (SERCC)** was established in early 2013 to identify unmet needs, articulate regional priorities, and build coalitions around new projects in mobility and transportation. In December 2014, SERCC merged with the South Coast Regional Coordinating Council (SCRCC) and also changed the name to South East Regional Coordinating Council on Transportation (SERCCOT).

Today, SERCCOT has over 90 active members who meet regularly on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the SRPEDD offices at 88 Broadway, Taunton MA 02780. SERCCOT members include representatives from transit, transportation provider organizations, planning agencies, state agencies, Independent Living Centers, Councils on Aging, businesses, educational institutions, transportation advocates, and consumers.

SERCCOT Mission Statement

The **SOUTH EAST REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION (SERCCOT)** is to work towards increasing transportation opportunities and to meet the need of quality transportation for both our consumers and our communities. We will work to empower individuals and their families through the delivery of quality consumer driven resources, services and supports that increase lifestyle options, independence, and improve their quality of life. To accomplish this, the council will identify, prioritize and communicate unmet needs, increase awareness and access to existing services for transportation throughout the region. The SERCCOT seeks to provide quality of life by raising awareness of the important role of community transportation services for seniors, people with disabilities and all the customers it serves.

SERCCOT Accomplishments Since 2013

- **Conducted a Medical Transportation Unmet Needs Survey – October 2014**

- Survey was sent to 110 stakeholders from area medical centers, hospitals, dialysis centers, mental health organizations & board of health departments
- Survey Results – Revealed that many individuals are not aware of the transportation services that are available and thus face barriers to accessing needed health care.
- **Hosted Making Connections Medical Forum** – November 2014 (Taunton, MA)
- **SERCC merged with the South Coast Regional Coordinating Council (SCRCC)** and also changed the name to South East Regional Coordinating Council on Transportation – December 2014
- **Applied for Tufts Health Foundation Grant** – July 2015
 - SERCCOT applied for a grant to address the knowledge gap about transportation services with the intention of developing an outreach and education program on available transportation options to access health care services in the region
- **SERCCOT Subcommittee currently working on a Transportation Toolkit** – Ongoing
- **SERCCOT Subcommittee met with Wareham Community Development Block Grant Committee** to talk about vehicle sharing and coordination opportunities in the greater Wareham area – June 2015
- **Currently Conducting Work & Education Unmet Transportation Needs Survey** – October 2015
- **Ways to Work & School Transportation Forum** – November 2015 (Fall River, MA)

Contact SERCCOT

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