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Having trouble getting around town using public transportation? Help is on the way. Two transportation “navigators” have been hired in North Omaha to begin collecting information that will help.

Currently, this transportation survey of “trips not able to be taken using public transportation” is focusing on North Omaha. The two navigators, Linda McKleny and Zola Cunegin, have begun to survey people in North Omaha to gather information about who has trouble getting to jobs, medical appointments or educational activities using public transportation. They are gathering this information at community centers, by telephone and on the bus routes.

The purpose of this survey is to gather information that may help the public bus system and vans to provide more efficient and effective public transportation in areas that are currently under-served or not being served at all. The North Omaha Development Project in collaboration with Urban League of Nebraska (ULN) and Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA) are sponsoring the project.

MAPA and the Urban League will share the data gathered from the survey with the transit company and other transportation providers like NEMO, Nebraska Mobility at Easter Seals Nebraska. All will work to begin providing transportation services where and when they are most needed.