Aging in Place: A State Survey of Livability Policies and Practices

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Barriers to Aging in Place
Our Findings
Land Use

- Certain land use policies can help older adults live closer to or within walking distance of the transportation and services they need.
  - Integrating land use and transportation planning
  - Transit oriented development
  - Encouraging joint use of community facilities
Land Use: Washington
"Washington’s Growth Management Act can help older citizens feel more comfortable outside without fear of being hit by a car, and could improve not only their physical health, but also their emotional and mental health. The policy may promote increased access to other modes of transportation."

- **WASHINGTON SENATOR ROSA FRANKLIN**
Land Use: California
State Example: California

"As SB 375’s implementation unfolds, aging in place will become easier because more housing will be available close to public transportation. This will benefit older adults, since they can walk places or be close enough to services to have a choice of whether to drive, walk or take transit."

-William Craven, California Senate’s Natural Resource Committee
Transit Oriented Development is compact, walkable, mixed-use communities that are developed around high quality public transportation
Land Use: Joint Use of Facilities
Transportation

- Increased mobility options can reduce reliance on transportation by personal car:
  - Complete Streets
  - Pedestrian Safety
  - Access to Services in Rural Areas
  - Human Service Transportation Coordination
  - Volunteer Driver Laws
“Complete Streets” are planned, designed, built, operated and maintained to accommodate the safety and convenience of all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and motorists, regardless of age and ability.
Complete Streets: Hawaii
Complete Streets: Vermont
Transportation: Pedestrian Safety
Pedestrian Safety: New Jersey
Transportation: Rural Access

USA Frontier Counties, 2000 Consensus
The distance between Yaak and Alzada, Montana (744 miles) is greater than the distance between Washington D.C. and Chicago.

Our largest city, Billings, has 100,000 people. State population is less than 1 million.
Rural Access: Washington
Transportation: Human Service Transportation Coordination
Transportation Coordination: Florida
Transportation Coordination: Minnesota

"This (unreliable level of service) causes older adults to move out of their homes and communities and forces changes that might be more expensive overall. In fact, they might be able to stay in their homes and be active members of their community if transportation services were improved."

-MINNESOTA SENATOR SCOTT DIBBLE
Transportation: Volunteer Drivers
Housing

- Affordable, accessible housing can decrease institutionalization and meet consumer demand.
  - Affordable Housing near Transit
  - Building Standards
  - Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs) and Communities for a Lifetime
Affordable Housing Near Transit
Housing: Building Standards
Building Standards: Pennsylvania
Building Standards: Texas
NORCs And Communities For A Lifetime Models
Communities for a Lifetime: Florida
Aging in Place - What's Coming?
Questions

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