



## **BCDCOG MOBILITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AWARDED \$50,000 GRANT BY FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION**

**CHARLESTON, S.C. (Jan. 18, 2017)** – The [Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments](#) (BCDCOG) Mobility Management Program has been awarded \$50,000 in grants from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to continue to provide mobility management in the rural areas of the Trident region.

An initial \$40,000 FTA grant allows Mobility Manager Vonie Gilreath to further advocate for the transit needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities in the rural Tri-County areas. As a representative, she facilitates and provides input for seniors and disabled rural residents in all BCDCOG comprehensive and long-range transportation plans.

An additional \$10,000 FTA grant provides for public transportation alternatives beyond those currently required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. This helps the BCDCOG to provide additional tools to overcome existing barriers facing Americans with disabilities.

Mrs. Gilreath will attend project planning and public infrastructure meetings, and provide input on what will impact seniors and the disabled, which includes bridges, roadways, greenways, air quality, trails and other alternative modes of transportation.

“As part of this initiative, I will seek to decrease reliance by individuals with disabilities on complementary paratransit,” said Gilreath. “This will further support TriCounty Link in its mission to provide transportation services and public transportation alternatives beyond those currently required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.”

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### **About BCDCOG**

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