

Getting you where you need to go!

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Town of Waitsfield
Waitsfield Select Board
PO Box 337
Waitsfield, VT 05674

RE: Special Appropriation Request

Dear Select Board:

On behalf of the GMTA Board of Directors and staff, I would like to thank the residents and officials of the Town of Waitsfield for your continued support of public transportation and our presence within your community. As our region continues to move through the recovery process; flood, economic and otherwise, there is a growing appreciation for all that cultivates our spirit and strength as a community. Through Waitsfield's ongoing support of GMTA, we have maintained our ability and commitment to provide the vital component of transportation for the vulnerable, the family and each individual within our community, regardless of the challenge.

Green Mountain Transit Agency (GMTA) would like to submit a request for level funding for the FY 13 Town of Waitsfield budget. **We respectfully request the consideration of \$923.00 for FY 13 to be placed before the voters of Waitsfield for consideration.** Our funding request is based on our fair share assessment which is applied to all municipalities in which GMTA serves.

To better understand the transportation service provided to Waitsfield residents, I have provided a service outline for the past fiscal year. This summary should not only demonstrate where GMTA travels and what need is fulfilled, but more importantly the people who rely on GMTA for their daily transportation needs.

Please accept our genuine thanks and appreciation in your review of our service in hopes of continuing our successful partnership. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Regards,

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Green Mountain Transit Agency

Town of Waitsfield FY11 Annual Report



The mission of GMTA is to operate safe, convenient, accessible, innovative, and sustainable public transportation services in northwest and central Vermont that reduce congestion and pollution, encourage transit oriented development, and enhance the quality of life for all.

Elderly and Disabled Transportation

GMTA provides medical transportation service to those who qualify for either Medicaid or Elderly and Disabled funds or both. We offer those in need the scheduling and payment of rides and provide service through volunteer drivers or bus service. GMTA collaborates with area organizations such as the Vermont Center for Independent Living and Central Vermont Council on Aging, to offer rides for medical treatment, meal site programs, senior centers and shopping trips. Many individuals who qualify for these funds rely on GMTA as their only means of transportation to necessary health care service, social activity and daily shopping needs. GMTA not only provides the transportation, but also the administration and operational skills required to coordinate such a service.

For FY11 GMTA provided Medicaid and Elderly and Disabled ongoing transportation service to 9 Waitsfield residents totaling 246 trips equaling 7,698 miles traveled!

Health Care

GMTA offers Waitsfield residents medical transportation service to local health care facilities for services or in some cases, vital acute care transportation for radiation and dialysis treatments. GMTA travels to local medical facilities within the Central VT Medical Center area, as well as to places like Dartmouth Hitchcock, Gifford Medical Center, Fletcher Allen and numerous Boston medical centers. We also provide weekly free shuttle service to the Health Center in Plainfield allowing residents direct access to an affordable and multi-service federally qualified health care center provider. **For FY11, the Free Health Center Shuttle to Plainfield served a total of 1,011 riders within central Vermont.**

Human Service & Adult Day Care

In addition to our medical services, GMTA collaborates with AHS and area agencies to support the needs of transit dependent residents. Trips can include rides to Vermont Association for the Blind, Reach Up job training and child care sites, Central Vermont Substance Abuse, Washington County Mental Health and Vocational Rehabilitation. For those residents requiring adult day care services, GMTA provides individual transportation to Project Independence in Barre City.

Seasonal Mad Bus and Commuter Service

In addition to elderly and disabled service, GMTA offers the Mad Bus during winter ski season operations. The numerous Mad Bus routes, all being free of charge except for the Snow Cap Commuter, serve those who visit or reside in the Mad River Valley that seek alternative transportation to work, play or shop.

For FY11 Mad Bus Ridership

Valley Floor	7,357	Saturday Evening Srv.	1,535	Warren Shuttle	2,342
Mount Ellen	20,550	Mountain Condo	13,809	Access Road	13,633
Harwood Free Ride	285	Snow Cap Commute	843		

Thank You

Thank you to the taxpayers and GMTA passengers of Waitsfield for your continued support of our service and overall commitment to community transportation.

Information

Please feel free to contact us with questions or to request additional information on GMTA services at 802.223.7287 or gmtaride.org.

The Green Mountain Transit Agency enhances the quality of life in Vermont by delivering safe, convenient and more environmentally efficient transportation solutions.