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November 14, 2011

Town of Waitsfield  
Select Board Members  
9 Bridge Street  
Waitsfield, VT 05673

Cc: Valerie Capels, Town Administrator  
Jennifer Peterson, Town Clerk & Treasurer

**RE: Special Appropriation Request**

Dear Select Board Members:

On behalf of the CCTA/GMTA Board of Commissioners and staff, we would like to thank the residents and officials of the Town of Waitsfield for your continued support of public transportation services. As our region continues to recover from both economic and environmental challenges, we find ourselves recognizing the value of public transportation options more than ever.

Since GMTA began, we have continued to see a growing and diverse ridership seeking access to employment, continuing education and daily needs, along with an increased need for services that support our most vulnerable population. Our services, which are directly supported by federal, state and local funds, continue to play an important role within our region regarding economic stability, environmental initiatives and individual well being.

Green Mountain Transit Agency (GMTA) would like to submit a request for level funding for the FY 14 Town of Waitsfield budget. **We respectfully request the consideration of \$923.00 for FY 14 to be placed before the voters of Waitsfield for consideration.** The requested funding directly supports GMTA's ongoing operations for Elderly and Disabled and/or Medicaid service and is based on a fair share equation applied to the municipalities GMTA serves.

To better understand the individual service provided to the residents of Waitsfield, a service outline and general report for the past fiscal year has been provided.

In closing, we pass along our thanks and appreciation for your continued support. Please feel free to contact me at any point with questions.

Regards,



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# Green Mountain Transit Agency

## Town of Waitsfield FY12 Annual Report



GMTA, the public transportation provider for northwest and central Vermont, provides several types of direct or connecting services to our service communities, including general public service and individual transportation services through the Medicaid and Elderly and Disabled program. The following information is a summary of these various services and the numbers served.

### Individual Transportation Services

**For FY12 GMTA provided Medicaid and Elderly and Disabled ongoing transportation service to 18 Waitsfield residents totaling 644 trips equaling 22,583 miles traveled.** By comparison, for FY11 GMTA provided the same service for 9 Waitsfield residents totaling 246 trips equaling 7,698 miles traveled.

GMTA provides medical and daily needs transportation service to those who qualify for Medicaid, Elderly and Disabled funds or both. Qualifying individuals include Medicaid clients, those 60 years of age or older and people with disabilities. GMTA offers individuals the scheduling and payment of rides which are provided through GMTA volunteer drivers or bus service. Trips include coordinated service to local and long distance medical care facilities, dialysis and radiation treatments, meal site programs, senior centers, adult day care, pharmacy and shopping locations.

Local trips for residents can include the Mad River Valley Health Center, private practices and prescription pick-ups. We also provide transportation to more distant medical facilities such as Central Vermont Medical Center, Fletcher Allen, Dartmouth Hitchcock, Health Center in Plainfield, Berlin Health and Rehabilitation and various locations in Boston, Massachusetts and beyond.

Along with our elderly and disabled services, GMTA collaborates with AHS and area agencies to support the needs of those seeking access to human services. Trips can include rides to Reach Up job training and child care sites, Central Vermont Substance Abuse, Washington County Mental Health, Vocational Rehabilitation and Vermont Association for the Blind.

### Mad Bus Ridership Snapshot

GMTA offers the following deviated fixed routes and Snow Cap Commuter 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 FY12, Mad Bus Recorded Ridership:

Valley Floor	5,087	Saturday Evening	2,257	Access Road	9,392
Mount Ellen	13,798	Mountain Condo	9,433	Harwood	200
Snow Cap	768				

### Volunteer Driver Program

In addition to providing public transit services through traditional shuttles, GMTA has an extensive network of Volunteer Drivers who provide coordinated rides to those residing in rural locations. Volunteer Drivers are generous residents within our service area who provide cost effective and community oriented services under the management of GMTA. Drivers are reimbursed for the miles they drive, design their own schedule and are the foundation of our rural services.

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

**Information**

If you would like more information on what services GMTA offers, or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver within your community, please feel free to contact us at 802.223.7287 or [info@gmtaride.org](mailto:info@gmtaride.org)

**Thank You**

Thank you to the voters, riders and volunteer drivers of Waitsfield for your support of GMTA's commitment to community transportation.