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**GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AGENCY**

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Town of Waitsfield  
Select Board of Waitsfield  
9 Bridge Street  
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Dear Select Board Members of Waitsfield:

On behalf of the GMTA Board of Directors and staff, I would like to thank the residents and town officials of Waitsfield for their continued support of the GMTA public transportation service for their community. Given the current economic climate, the need for vital transportation services is at an all time high. Whether it is the seasonal services, Medicaid transportation and transportation services for the elderly and the disabled, our service is a vital component to the continuing prosperity of Waitsfield.

Green Mountain Transit Agency (GMTA) would like to submit a request for funding for the FY 12 Town of Waitsfield budget. **We respectfully request your consideration of \$923 for FY 12 based on our fair share evaluation for existing transit services in Waitsfield.** We recognize that Waitsfield, along with other communities, are having difficulties maintaining their own municipal budgets and services on the property tax, and for that reason, GMTA is not requesting an increase for current services this year despite increased operating costs.

To better understand the transportation service provided to the residents of Waitsfield, 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.

Once again, please accept our genuine thanks and appreciation in maintaining this successful partnership. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Best regards,

Tawnya Kristen  
GMTA Community Relations Manager

# Green Mountain Transit Agency

## Town of Waitsfield FY10 Annual Report



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

### Elderly and Disabled Service

**For FY10, GMTA provided Medicaid and Elderly and Disabled transportation service to 11 Waitsfield residents totaling 527 trips equaling 17,788 miles traveled.**

GMTA provides medical transportation service to those who qualify for Medicaid, 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 Central Vermont Council on Aging, to offer rides for medical treatment, meal site programs, senior center and shopping trips. GMTA not only provides the means of transportation, but also the administration and operational skills required to coordinate service.

- **Medical Transportation-** GMTA provides medical transportation service which includes rides to local health care facilities for regular medical services or in some cases, vital acute care transportation for radiation and dialysis treatments. Local trips can include transport to the Mad River Valley Health Center, private practices and prescription pick-ups. However, Waitsfield residents are not limited to just medical service access within the area. We also provide transportation to larger 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.
- **Senior Center Meal Sites & Adult Day Programs-** GMTA provides transportation service to senior center meal site programs, such as those found at Evergreen Place, which not only provide a hot and nourishing meal, but allow the individual to be part of a social event. In addition to senior center programs, GMTA will assist those in need of full adult day services with transportation to Project Independence in Barre. Project Independence provides those with specific care needs the resources which support the effort to remain living independently. Those accessing senior centers or adult day programs might not otherwise be able to engage in a community activity while supporting a healthy quality of life.
- **Weekly Shopping Trips-** GMTA shopping trips offer the means in which the need for a larger purchasing choice can be met, thus supporting an independent lifestyle. Waitsfield residents typically travel each week to the local grocery store and shopping area for food and regularly needed items. GMTA believes that services such as this allow people to maintain a level of self-reliance which in turn supports the ability to remain within their own homes.

### Seasonal Mad Bus and Commuter Service

GMTA operates the Snow Cap Commuter, a seasonal commuter service from December through April each weekend and holiday. This service provides transportation from Montpelier to Mad River Glen and Sugarbush via Route 100. This service is intended to support the seasonal employee commuter needs, as well as providing easy connections to free Mad Bus service which allows for access to key ski locations.

In addition to commuter 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 FY10, the Mad Bus riders served were as follows:**

<b>Valley Floor- 6,422</b>	<b>Saturday Evening Service- 2,140</b>	<b>Warren Shuttle- 2,075</b>
<b>Mount Ellen- 15,752</b>	<b>Mountain Condo- 12,205</b>	<b>Access Road-13,084</b>
<b>Harwood Free Ride-139</b>	<b>Snow Cap Commuter-694</b>	

## Funding

The requested funding amount of \$923 assists GMTA in meeting match requirements to draw federal and state funds that support the operations and capital needs of the agency. GMTA draws approximately 80% state and federal funds with the local funds provided by municipalities and local businesses in our service area. These funds are vital to support the services listed in this document.

## Information

For additional information or questions on our service, please contact GMTA by calling 802-223-7BUS or by going to [www.gmtaride.org](http://www.gmtaride.org).

**Thank you for allowing us to continue supporting the transportation needs  
of the Waitsfield community.**

