

Area IV Public Transportation of Tippecanoe County

It's been just over a year now since Area IV Agency on Aging and Community Action Programs, Inc. officially began its Tippecanoe County Transportation Program in January of 2020. The program is designed to provide Non-Emergency Medical Transportation to all types of medical related appointments as well as transportation to nonmedical outings such as grocery shopping, banking, or any other type of trip. The Transportation Program is open to the public in the non-urbanized area of Tippecanoe County and is available to non-ambulatory individuals in the urbanized areas of Tippecanoe County. A one-way fare of \$5 is required for all riders under the age of 60. Riders age 60 and over are asked to make a voluntary donation to the program to help differ costs.

Anthony Fattore, Transportation Manager, has recently resigned his position at Area IV Agency. Allen Thomas has been placed into the role of part time interim Transportation Manager and part time driver. Allen drives along with another full time driver. Area IV is currently advertising for a part time driver to help out in the busiest times of the day. Area IV Public Transportation of Tippecanoe County is located and dispatched from the Area IV Agency on Aging and Community Action Programs offices at 660 North 36th Street, Lafayette, IN. The program currently has 6 vehicles in its fleet. A maintenance contract is in place with City Bus of Lafayette to service and maintain the vehicles on a regular basis.

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit our Public Transportation Department hard. We furloughed staff in March and then brought them back in June. Since June, the number of trips has gradually increased; however, the numbers are still not up to where we were at this time last year.

Area IV Public Transportation of Tippecanoe County is still following the policies and procedures put in place to provide the safest environment possible for our drivers and passengers. We will continue to expand our services as needed keeping in mind that the safety of our drivers and passengers is our first priority.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the residents of Tippecanoe County.

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