

Area IV Public Transportation of Tippecanoe County

Area IV Public Transportation of Tippecanoe County provides transportation for the non-urbanized service area of Tippecanoe County. 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. A one-way fare of \$5 is required for all riders under the age of 60. Riders aged 60 and over are asked to make a voluntary donation to the program to help offset costs.

We have a full time Transportation Manager and are fully staffed from a driver perspective. We have 3 full time and 1 part time drivers. We were able to obtain a grant in 2022 to add 3 new wheelchair accessible minivans which will provide us additional flexibility and fuel savings. Our 5311 Public Urban ridership for 2022 showed a 75% increase over 2021. We feel this positive trend is a result of not only adding an additional driver but also due to a mass mailing we distributed to the County and additionally a Community Resource Guide that we assembled, published and are distributing as well. The Resource Guide not only provides transportation information but is a complete guide to other services available in our coverage area as well. It has proven to be a very popular resource for our clients. A copy of this guide was provided to the Commissioners at the last meeting.

Our discussions with INDOT to expand our Public Service Area to Benton County has been temporarily tabled due to other priorities. We hope to continue these discussions soon.

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

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