

Ticket to Ride

A convenient and caring transportation solution

GMTA

223-7287

PROVIDING ASSISTANCE

Ticket to Ride provides service for any activity for all eligible persons. The program is designed to address some of the transportation needs that persons with disabilities of any age and persons over 60 years of age may have, by providing assistance with arranging and paying for a ride.

COLLABORATION

Ticket to Ride provides a variety of modes of travel including taxis, vans, buses and volunteer drivers. It is a collaboration between Vermont's disability community, the Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) and the Green Mountain Transit Agency (GMTA)

Eligibility

To be a part of the Ticket to Ride Program you must be a resident of one of the 23 towns listed below:

Barre City, Barre Town, Berlin, Cabot, Calais, Duxbury, E. Montpelier, Fayston, Marshfield, Middlesex, Montpelier, Moretown, Northfield, Orange, Plainfield, Roxbury, Waitsfield, Warren, Washington, Waterbury, Williamstown, Woodbury and Worcester

You should also meet one of the following requirements:

1. Meet the ADA definition of a disability:

- a) A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity
- b) A record of such an impairment
- c) Being regarded as having such an impairment

2. Any person 60 years of age or older.

CONVENIENCE

Call GMTA at 802-223-7287 to see if you qualify for Ticket to Ride or other transportation services. We look forward to assisting you.



You can use **Ticket to Ride** for any kind of trip: to the doctor, shopping, visiting friends, recreation, etc. You may also use **Ticket to Ride** in the evenings and on weekends. Here's how it works:

- Call GMTA at 223-7287 to find out your voucher amount from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. If you think you are interested in using the **Ticket to Ride** program, call now to get your name on the list. *Only the first 345 people will be served.*
- Call GMTA *at least two business days* before your ride. Our offices are open Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. We are closed holidays.
- Identify yourself as an elder or person with a disability and let them know where and when you would like to travel.
- Our trip planners will schedule your trip with a volunteer driver, on a regular bus route, with a taxi company or a combination of the three.
- Feel free to call us the day of your trip, or the day before, to find out who your driver is.
- If you don't plan to use your entire voucher amount, let GMTA know so those funds can be used by others.
- If you plan a trip with friends, the cost may be divided between all of you, depending on the mode of travel. This can save you money for more trips later!
- If you have any other questions about this service, please call Donna Gallagher at GMTA at 223-7287.
- If you have any concerns about the program, please call Peter Johnke at the Vermont Center for Independent Living at 229-0501.
- Once you use the **Ticket to Ride** program, please contact your local town representatives and legislators to tell them how important the funding for this program is. Thank you!

