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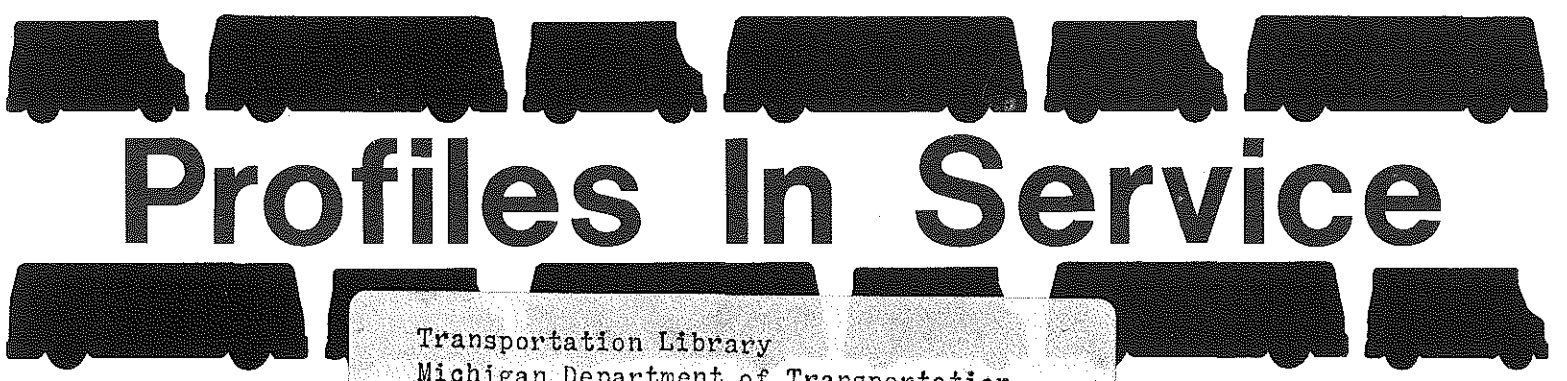
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# INTRODUCTION

## Welcome to MICHIGAN PUBLIC TRANSIT: PROFILES IN SERVICE!

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Each year, Michigan public transit systems provide millions of rides to Michigan citizens; almost 100 million rides in 1986 alone. For many people a bus is the key to an independent lifestyle while, for others, a public bus is vital transportation to work or to school. Whatever the need, people rely on public buses for safe, dependable transportation; and Michigan's public transit systems proudly meet the challenge!

*Michigan Public Transit: Profiles in service* is a celebration of Michigan public transit's commitment to excellence. Each page profiles one of our 73 urban and nonurban transit systems, highlighting its individual services and system characteristics. We urge you to read these profiles and become more familiar with Michigan public transit as well as your own community bus system.

The first section of this book features topics important to public transit. Issues such as

senior and handicapper accessibility, specialized services, transit funding and much more are included in this section.

*Michigan Public Transit: Profiles in Service* also features Michigan Public Transit's Heart-O'-Gold Award Recipients. These public transit people have been honored by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), as well as their local communities, for their outstanding humanitarian deeds. These remarkable people represent the very best in public service, and we are proud to highlight their extraordinary community service contributions.

Michigan has long recognized the need for public transit services and supports the development of both urban and nonurban systems across our state. MDOT's Bureau of Urban and Public Transportation administers programs to increase the effectiveness of Michigan public transit and to meet each system's individual needs; whether it be urban, nonurban or specialized service.

Michigan is proud of the tradition of excellence established by our public transit systems...we hope you'll enjoy learning more about them!

# MICHIGAN PUBLIC TRANSIT FUNDING: AN OVERVIEW

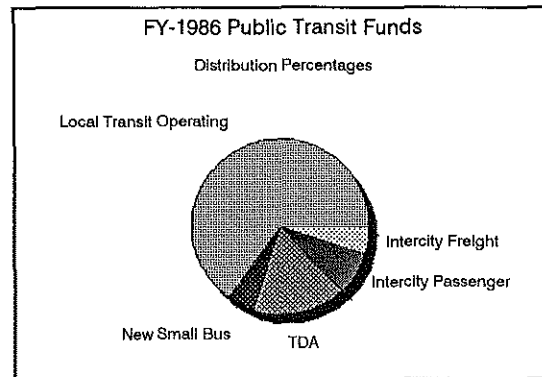
Michigan's public transit systems receive funding from three important sources: federal, state and local. The following is a brief description of how each of these three sources contribute to funding local bus services in our state.

In Michigan, transportation funding is provided from state funds allocated from fuel, vehicle registration, and other minor taxes.

Currently, Michigan has a 15 cents per gallon gasoline fuel tax, a 9 cents per gallon diesel fuel tax, and a vehicle registration fee. The 15 cents per gallon gasoline tax is distributed as follows: 4.9 cents per gallon for state highways, 4.9 cents per gallon for county roads, 2.7 cents per gallon for city streets, 1.4 cents per gallon for public transportation, and 1.1 cents per gallon for costs related to collection.

Revenues from these sources make up the *Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF)*. In 1986, approximately 66 percent of the MTF revenue was derived from fuel taxes, 31 percent from vehicle registration and three percent from other minor taxes. This fund is divided approximately 90 percent to highways, roads and streets, and 10 percent to public transportation, through the *Comprehensive Transportation Fund (CTF)*. The CTF also receives revenues from the sales tax on automotive-related products and other miscellaneous revenue.

In Fiscal Year 1985-86, the CTF collected \$134.5 million. After deducting debt service on bonds and administrative costs, approximately \$103 million was distributed as follows:

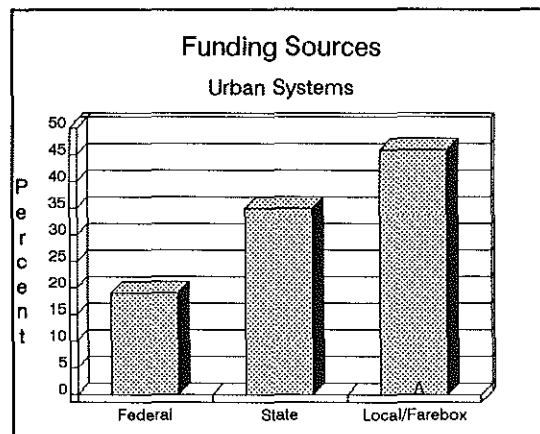


Local Transit Operating Assistance .....	65%
New Small Bus & Specialized Services.....	5%
Transportation Development Account(TDA).....	17%
Intercity Passenger.....	8%
Intercity Freight Transportation.....	5%
Total.....	100%

## OPERATING ASSISTANCE - URBAN

Currently, there are 14 urban public transit systems serving Michigan communities. These systems operate in Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Bay County, Benton Harbor, Detroit, Flint, Grand Rapids, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Muskegon, Niles, Port Huron and Saginaw. These systems receive funding from three main sources, and in FY 1986, the sources were:

Federal.....	19%
State.....	35%
Local Revenue/Farebox.....	46%
Total.....	100%





The *Local Revenue/Farebox* category includes funds raised through bus advertisements, local millage revenue and local general fund allocations.

Urban transit systems receive operating funds from both federal and state programs. Act 51, of 1951, as amended in 1982, provides state funds for operating assistance, and Section 9 of the federal Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, provides for federal operating assistance.

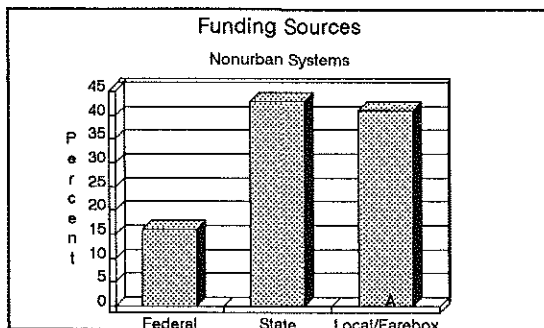
Under the *state program*, urban systems can receive up to 50 percent of eligible operating costs not paid by a federal program.

*Federal operating assistance* is limited to a percentage of the urban system's 1982 operating assistance amount. (This percentage varies from 80-95 percent, based on factors such as size, etc.)

**OPERATING ASSISTANCE -  
NONURBAN**

Michigan is a national leader in providing public transit service to its rural and nonurban area residents. In FY 1986, Michigan had 57 nonurban public transit systems operating across the state. These systems receive funding from the same sources as the urban systems, but in different proportions.

Federal.....	16%
State.....	43%
Local Revenue/Farebox.....	41%
Total.....	100%



Like the urban systems, nonurban systems receive operating funds from both federal and state programs. The federal Section 18 program provides up to 50 percent of a nonurban system's net operating costs (total operating costs less farebox). The state then provides up to 60 percent of the eligible operating costs not paid by a federal program.

We have looked at the state and federal programs funding public transit, now let's examine revenue sources at the local level.

Many different mechanisms exist for local funding of public transit services. Some transit systems receive annual funds by appropriation from the city or county budget. Others rely on a voter approved property tax millage. Millages and budget appropriations provide a relatively stable funding base, but it is also important to transit systems to build revenues from other sources, such as passenger fares, advertising, and human service agency contracts.

Farebox revenues are a vital source of local transit revenues. Fares are the one direct way users (riders) contribute to the support of the system. Transit managers, working with local advisory groups, set fare rates based on ridership and revenue projections as well as other cost factors.

Many systems sell bus advertising as an additional source of local revenue. In addition to earning money for the system, this practice helps build a stronger relationship with local business people. As businesses and service organizations get involved in bus advertising, the community becomes more aware of public transit's contribution to the economic development of their area.

Another valuable source of revenue to many public transit systems is from contracted transit services provided to local human service agencies. These service arrangements are encouraged by state and federal funding agencies as an excellent tool for coordinating services and for the most efficient use of public funds.

Agencies, such as the Michigan Department of Social Services or Department of Mental Health, or area offices on aging or school districts, etc., may contract with a local transit system to coordinate and provide transit services. Under these contracted service arrangements, everybody wins!

Yearly budget appropriations from city, county or township governments, are another source of local revenue for some transit systems.

Voter approved millages are another significant source of local revenue for many public transit systems. In Michigan, 38 public transit systems now receive revenue from local transportation millages...and more are being added to this distinguished list every year! Millages provide a stable source of local revenue for the transit system and represent a measure of community support for the system.....both of which are extremely important!

#### **CAPITAL GRANTS - URBAN**

Capital assistance (buses and related equipment) for urban systems is funded by both federal and state programs. Section 9 of the federal Urban Mass Transportation Act provides 80 percent of eligible capital costs for urban systems with the state providing a 20 percent match. New facilities for urban systems are generally funded through federal-state matching programs. Section 3 discretionary funding is also available for large capital projects.

#### **CAPITAL GRANTS - NONURBAN**

The state provides 100 percent of the funding for capital expenditures (vehicles and related equipment) for nonurban systems. Federal programs do exist; however, for some facility funding (on a federal/state matching basis) and limited vehicle purchases. Michigan has used Section 3, discretionary funding to provide for 75 percent of eligible costs of facilities with the state providing the 25 percent match. Section 9 funds transferred from urban systems have also been used to fund nonurban facilities on an 80/20 match basis. If federal funds are not available, nonurban systems have the option of matching state dollars with local dollars to fund facilities.

#### **NEW SERVICES PROGRAM**

The New Services Program provides assistance to eligible governmental units to implement new public transit services. For new systems, capital and net operating expenses are entirely funded by the state for the first two years of operation. In the third year, operating costs are shared with the local area--75 percent state and 25 percent local. In the fourth year, systems are funded the same as other systems. Consolidation and coordination of transportation services at the local level are significant parts of the new services system design.

# SPECIALIZED SERVICES

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## Meeting Special Transportation Needs

Millions of our citizens, especially seniors and handicappers, have special transportation needs . . . and access to public transportation is an important factor to their well-being. The State of Michigan recognizes this and created the "Specialized Services" program to meet these special needs.

The Specialized Services program is a cooperative effort between the state and federal government. Private, nonprofit organizations can receive capital assistance (buses, vans, radios) and operating assistance (fuel and maintenance) to meet the special transportation needs of seniors and handicappers in their area.

The program is administered to private, nonprofit agencies who make application to the state for assistance. To receive funding, an agency must document its client's special transportation needs and show that the majority of its service will be provided outside the service area of any existing state-funded transportation provider. This requirement prevents duplication of transportation services in an area and helps to maximize financial resources. In addition, the agency must try to obtain local funding and coordinate services with other local transportation systems.

Participating agencies can receive vehicles and equipment funded, 80 percent by the federal government (through Section 16(b)(2) of the Urban Mass Transportation Act). Michigan provides the matching 20 percent as well as

operating assistance based on a specified "rate per mile". Public Act 51 of 1951 provides up to \$850,000 per year to be set aside to serve our state's seniors and handicappers through this program.

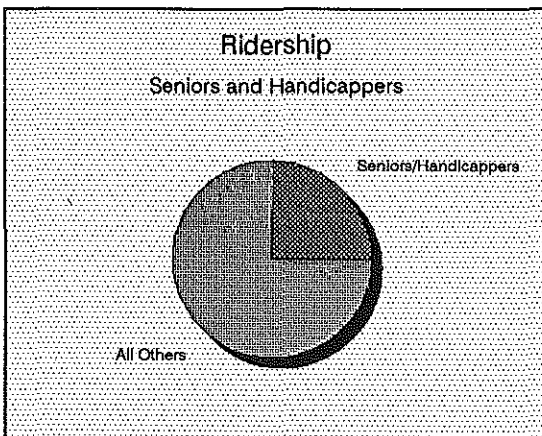
Currently, Michigan has 53 nonprofit organizations participating in this program. During 1986 Specialized Services agencies provided 594,220 passenger trips in the following counties:

Alcona	Kalkaska
Alger	Kent
Allegan	Keweenaw
Alpena	Lapeer
Baraga	Lenawee
Benzie	Mackinac
Berrien	Manistee
Calhoun	Menominee
Cass	Midland
Cheboygan	Montmorency
Chippewa	Muskegon
Clare	Newaygo
Clinton	Oceana
Delta	Ottawa
Dickinson	Presque Isle
Emmet	Saginaw
Genesee	Sanilac
Gratiot	St. Clair
Hillsdale	St. Joseph
Huron	Shiawassee
Iosco	Washtenaw
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Michigan is proud of its commitment to seniors and handicappers. The Specialized Services program offers people with special transportation needs a chance--a chance for a more independent life, with the dignity mobility can provide.

# SENIORS, HANDICAPPERS AND MICHIGAN PUBLIC TRANSIT

Michigan buses provide over 22 million rides to seniors and handicappers each year! That constitutes nearly 25 percent of our total bus ridership!



Michigan public transit recognizes the importance of public transportation to the health and well-being of seniors and handicappers. Over 53 percent of all Michigan buses are now lift-equipped to accommodate people with wheelchairs or walking disabilities.

Statistics, however, do not tell the real story of public transit or the impact it makes on the lives of people. Traci Allen, for example, is a dynamic and charming young woman from St. Johns, Michigan. Traci also happens to be a handicapper who uses a motorized wheelchair. For many years, Traci has relied on the lift-equipped public bus in St. Johns for transportation. In high school, Traci joined the Big Sisters organization. She and her "lit-

tle sister" would go shopping, to the movies and to school -- thanks to public transit.

All over our state, senior citizens, like Nellie McDonald depend on public transit to get to the local senior clinics and centers. Nellie McDonald also relies on public transit to take her to the local nursing home where, twice a week, she visits her husband Ed. Enriching the lives of Nellie and Ed McDonald, Traci Allen and many, many others is the real story of public transit

To assist seniors and handicappers, Michigan created the Specialized Services program. This program is administered at the state level to provide state operating assistance and to maximize federal funding of transportation for senior and handicapper citizens. Participation in such special programs, use of lift-equipped buses, and friendly helpful drivers, reflect Michigan public transit's commitment to our senior and handicapper citizens.

Public transit systems are dedicated to improving the convenience and increasing the accessibility of their services. All public transit systems offer discounted fares for their senior and handicapper riders during off-peak hours, and many systems offer additional discounts whenever possible. These and other such services play a key role in improving the quality of life for many seniors and handicappers in Michigan. By meeting basic transportation needs, public transit makes an active lifestyle a reality for a growing number of our senior and handicapper citizens.

As America's "baby boomers" approach "senior status", the number of senior citizens in our society will increase dramatically. Added to this, more and more seniors are choosing to live at home. Soon, society will be compelled to address the ever-increasing transportation needs of these senior citizens! Public transit is the key.

# MICHIGAN PUBLIC TRANSIT - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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1. Q. *HOW MANY PEOPLE RIDE THE BUS?*

A. Michigan public transit provided nearly 100 million rides in 1986 alone!

2. Q. *DOES PUBLIC TRANSIT ACCOMMODATE SENIORS AND HANDICAPPERS?*

A. Yes! Nearly 25 percent of all transit riders in Michigan are seniors and handicappers! Discount fares are offered both seniors and handicappers and over half of the buses in Michigan are equipped with special lifting devices for handicapper accessibility. In addition, the Specialized Services program administered by the state is geared especially to the needs of seniors and handicappers.

3. Q. *WHO BENEFITS FROM PUBLIC TRANSIT?*

A. Everyone! Students who depend on public transit to get to school, benefit. Seniors who rely on public transit for mobility, benefit. Handicappers who need special lift-equipped vehicles, benefit. Workers, shoppers and commuters benefit too. ALL citizens benefit from reduced traffic congestion in our cities, from profits earned when shoppers have transportation to businesses, and from the jobs public

transit, as employers, creates. Public transit improves a community's "quality of life!"

4. Q. *WHERE ARE PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICES AVAILABLE IN MICHIGAN?*

A. Michigan public transit services are available in 80 of Michigan's 83 counties.

5. Q. *HOW IS PUBLIC TRANSIT FUNDED?*

A. From several sources. Currently, public transit systems receive funds from federal, state and local sources:

19 percent federal  
35 percent state  
46 percent local

6. Q. *DO ANY PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEMS BENEFIT FROM LOCAL MILLAGES?*

A. Yes! Thirty-eight public transit systems in Michigan now receive funds from dedicated local millages.

7. Q. *ARE THERE ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES TO PUBLIC TRANSIT?*

A. Yes! Public transit is the most economical method of moving large numbers of people in our densely populated urban areas. When people ride the bus, fewer automobiles crowd our busy roadways. Since many riders are shoppers on their way to stores and shopping malls, shopkeepers profit from increased business. And, *public transit systems provide over 4,600 jobs in Michigan every year!*

# MICHIGAN PUBLIC TRANSIT CREATES:

## INDEPENDENCE!

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- Access to public transit means independence to thousands of Michigan citizens: young, elderly, handicappers, students, and workers.

## ENHANCED QUALITY OF LIFE!

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- Public transit enhances the quality of life for many people by providing them with mobility. Mobility means vital transportation to work, medical appointments, shopping, senior centers, health clinics, etc.

## A HEALTHIER ENVIRONMENT!

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- Public transit means reduction in air pollution, noise and traffic congestion especially in our large urban areas.

## COST-SAVING ALTERNATIVES!

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- Transit riders benefit from reduced transportation costs--including expensive parking fees and costly gasoline expenses.

## A POSITIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT!

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- Communities benefit from public transit because it provides people with transportation to shopping malls, recreation sites, businesses and social agencies. To thrive, businesses need people--and people need transportation!

## JOBS!

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- Local bus systems provide jobs--jobs for dispatchers, drivers, mechanics and managers. Dollars spent by transit systems enhance community employment too--people are needed to maintain vehicles, supply products, such as vehicle parts, gasoline and oil, and to provide many other system necessities.

Michigan takes great pride in its statewide network of public transit systems and the excellent transportation services they provide. We hope you'll enjoy learning more about our public transit systems in *Michigan Public Transit: Profiles in Service*.

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**URBAN TRANSIT SYSTEMS**

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# ANN ARBOR TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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Address: 2700 South Industrial  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
Telephone: (313) 973-6500  
Contact Person: Michael Bolton

Senate District - 18  
House District - 52, 53  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Lana Pollack (D)  
Rep. Margaret O'Connor (R)  
Rep. Perry Bullard (D)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Ann Arbor Transit Authority (AATA) provides fixed-route service on 21 routes as well as shuttles to special events, such as U of M football games and the Art Fair.
- \* In 1985 AATA was recognized for its innovative and unique transit programs. The American Public Transit Association presented AATA with the Outstanding Public Transit System Award.
- \* AATA's A-Ride operates for handicappers whose disabilities prevent them from using the regular-fixed route service.
- \* AATA also sponsors "Night Ride"--a shared ride taxi service that operates between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., seven days a week.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6:15 a.m. - 10:15 p.m.  
Sat. 8:15 a.m. - 10:15 p.m.

No. of buses: 59  
Lift-equipped: 45

FY 1986 miles: 3,598,169  
FY 1986 ridership: 949,644

Population served: 208,782  
Employees  
(Full/Part-time): 154



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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: 2.5 mills  
Renewal Period: Perpetual  
Beginning: 1973  
Ending:  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$2,747,823

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$8,877,961

### Funding Sources:

Local	50%
State	37%
Federal	13%



# BATTLE CREEK TRANSIT

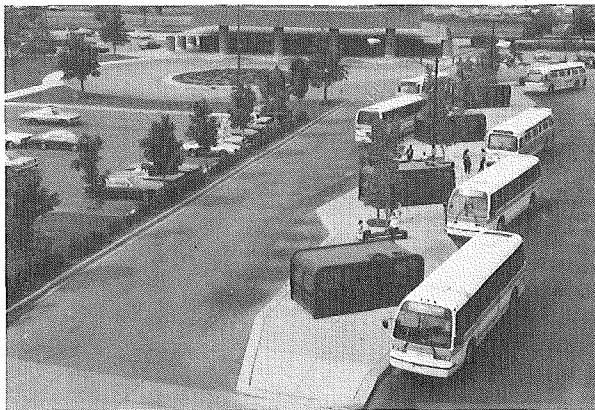
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Address: P.O. Box 1717  
Battle Creek, MI 49016  
Telephone: (616) 966-3474  
Contact Person: Wayne Wiley

Senate District - 20  
House District - 48  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. John Schwarz (R)  
Rep. Donald Gilmer (D)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Battle Creek Transit (BCT) operates under City administration, providing fixed-route as well as demand/response service.
- \* BCT coordinates its service through the Battle Creek Transportation Center. This intermodal terminal facility became fully operational in 1982 and provides rail and intercity bus as well as local bus service connections.



- \* BCT has received several awards for outstanding service during its 14-year history. In 1986, BCT was one of only 12 systems in its population class to win a Certificate of Achievement from the Federal Urban Mass Transportation Administration. This award was for outstanding vehicle and passenger safety.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

### Days/Hours of Operation:

M-F 5:45 a.m. - 6:15 p.m.  
Sat. 9:15 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.

No. of buses: 25  
Lift-equipped: 10

FY 1986 miles: 605,695  
FY 1986 ridership: 763,407

Population served: 77,789  
Employees  
(Full-/Part-time): 38

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## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$1,429,059

### Funding Sources:

Local 39%  
State 34%  
Federal 27%

# BAY METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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Address: 1510 North Johnson  
Bay City 48708  
Telephone: (517) 894-2900  
Contact Person: Bill Lynch

Senate District - 34  
House District - 86,101  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. James Barcia (R)  
Rep. Lewis Dodak (D)  
Rep. Thomas Hickner (D)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

\* Bay Metro Transit is an organization which provides public transit service to the residents of Bay County.

\* Bay Transit also provides extensive service for area elderly and handicapped citizens.



## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6:15 a.m. - 6:15 p.m.  
Sat. 8:45 a.m. - 6:15 p.m.

No. of buses: 54  
Lift-equipped: 42

FY 1986 miles: 769,323  
FY 1986 ridership: 119,881

Population served: 949,644  
No. of employees: 105

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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: .75 mill  
Renewal Period: 5 years  
Beginning: August 1986  
Ending: August 1991  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$1,096,000

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$2,038,682

### Funding Sources:

Local 44%  
State 35%  
Federal 21%

# BENTON HARBOR TWIN CITIES TRANSPORTATION

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Address: 271 Market Street  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
Telephone: (616) 927-2268  
Contact Person: Wilbert Brown

Senate District - 22  
House District - 44  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Harry Gast (R)  
Rep. Lad Stacy (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* The Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority was established in 1974 and is operated by the City of Benton Harbor. The transit authority is a demand/response system.
- \* The system provides transportation services through special contracts with the area Easter Seal Society and Maple Grove education programs.

- \* In addition to serving the general public, Benton Harbor transit provides services through contacts with Human Service Agencies in its area.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

No. of buses:	15
Lift-equipped:	5
FY 1986 miles:	315,511
FY 1986 ridership:	156,937
Population served:	60,639
Employees (Full-/Part-time):	24



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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current:	1.25 mills
Renewal Period:	20 years
Beginning:	November 1988
Ending:	November 2008
Funds/Yr. Est'd:	\$55,000

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible Expenditures:	\$484,315
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### Funding Sources:

Local	40%
State	29%
Federal	31%

# CAPITAL AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Address: 4615 Tranter  
Lansing, MI 48910  
Telephone: (517) 394-1100  
Contact Person: Sandra Dragoo

Senate District - 24  
House District - 57, 58  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. William Sederburg (R)  
Rep. Debbie Stabenow (D)  
Rep. David Hollister (D)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA) serves the people of Lansing, East Lansing, Meridian, Delhi, and Lansing townships.
- \* CATA's extensive fixed-route service around the campus of Lansing Community College and throughout Michigan State University makes it a vital service to area college students.
- \* CATA was involved in the 1987 Sesquicentennial Wagon Train by providing shuttle transportation to commuter lots for the participants.
- \* CATA provides many additional transit services for its community such as providing special transportation for the state Youth Corps workers.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

### Days/Hours of Operation:

M-F 6 a.m. - 11 p.m.  
Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

No. of buses: 69  
Lift-equipped: 35

FY 1986 miles: 2,255,636  
FY 1986 ridership: 4,091,192

Population served: 254,704  
Employees  
(Full-/Part-time): 150



## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: 1 mill  
Renewal Period: 5 years  
Beginning: 1983  
Ending: 1987  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$2,381,620

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$7,177,129

### Funding Sources:

Local 47%  
State 34%  
Federal 19%

# DETROIT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Address: 1301 East Warren Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48207  
Telephone: (313) 833-3000  
Contact Person: Robert Polk

Senate District - 1-5  
House District - 1-17  
Senators and Representatives Names:

See list below.

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* The Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT) offers service to residents of the city of Detroit and crosses over into 27 suburban cities.
- \* The DDOT fleet numbers approximately 400 buses (peak) and completes about 60 million trips per year.
- \* A major portion of DDOT riders include seniors who always ride free in the DDOT system.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

No. of buses: 400<sup>o</sup>  
Lift-equipped: 250<sup>o</sup>  
FY 1986 miles: 21,000,000<sup>o</sup>  
FY 1986 ridership: 61,000,000<sup>o</sup>  
Population served: 1,200,000<sup>o</sup>



Democratic Senators:  
Brown, Holmes, Kelley, O'Brien,  
Vaughn

Representatives:  
Bennane, Kilpatrick, Hertel, Hood,  
Hunter, Leland, Murphy, Saunders,  
Smith, Stallworth, Stopczynski,  
Terrell, Varga, Watkins, Joe Young,  
Jr., & Joe Young, Sr. (D)  
Bryant (R)

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$115,000,000<sup>o</sup>

### Funding Sources:

Farebox	29%
Local	30%
State	29%
Federal	12%

<sup>o</sup>Approximately

# MASS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (FLINT)

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Address: 1401 South Dort  
Flint, MI 48503  
Telephone: (313) 767-6950  
Contact Person: Robert Foy

Senate District - 25  
House District - 80, 81, 83  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Joe Conroy (D)  
Rep. Floyd Clack (D)  
Rep. Robert Emerson (D)  
Rep. Kay Hart (D)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* The Flint Mass Transportation Authority is a public body whose members are appointed by the mayor of the City of Flint with concurrence of the Flint City Council.
- \* Members of the Authority, who guide the system and make policy decisions, volunteer their time and services.
- \* MTA has two new bus facilities presently under construction in Flint and one in Davison City, plus an intermediate facility in Flint which accommodates Amtrak passengers.
- \* MTA is a line-haul system which also offers a unique demand/response contract program for individuals called "Your Ride."



## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

No. of buses: 67  
Lift-equipped: 18

FY 1986 miles: 2,191,701  
FY 1986 ridership: 3,639,048

Population served: 331,931

No. of employees: 137

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## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$5,913,421

### Funding Sources:

Local	31%
State	29%
Federal	40%

# GRAND RAPIDS AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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Address: 333 Wealthy Street, S.W.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
Telephone: (616) 456-7514  
Contact Person: Don Edmondson

Senate District - 32  
House District - 91, 92, 93  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Vernon Ehlers (R)  
Rep. Richard Bandstra (R)  
Rep. Thomas Mathieu (D)  
Rep. Walter Delange (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Grand Rapids Area Transit was established in 1973 and is operated by the Grand Rapids Area Transit Authority.
- \* GRATA operates a regular-route service for all Grand Rapids area residents.
- \* This innovative progressive system operates a service called "Go Bus" to provide essential transportation for area seniors and handicappers.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

No. of buses: 79  
Lift-equipped: 11

FY 1986 miles: 2,895,561  
FY 1986 ridership: 3,939,170

Population served: 374,744  
No. of employees: 142



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## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$5,930,258

### Funding Sources:

Local 33%  
State 33%  
Federal 34%

# CITY OF JACKSON TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY - URBANIZED AREA SERVICE

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Address: 2350 East High  
Jackson, MI 49203  
Telephone: (517) 787-8363  
Contact Person: Gordon Szlachetka

Senate District - 19  
House District - 50  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Nick Smith (R)  
Rep. Michael Griffin (D)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Jackson Transportation Authority (JTA) offers fixed-route and demand/response services to area residents.
- \* JTA sponsors a unique program where a "lucky passenger" is selected at random and honored with a certificate and 12 free bus passes!
- \* Jackson County's Association for Retarded Citizens has awarded system drivers with Distinguished Community Service Awards for outstanding service.
- \* JTA reflects community pride by painting buses to depicting Jackson's All American City and Rose City Awards.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6:15 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat. 10:15 a.m. - 6 p.m.

No. of buses: 33  
Lift-equipped: 25

FY 1986 miles: 520,364  
FY 1986 ridership: 542,658

Population served: 74,770  
Employees: 52



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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: 1 mill  
Renewal Period: 2 years  
Beginning: January 1986  
Ending: December 1987  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$294,000

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$1,150,069

### Funding Sources:

Local	32%
State	52%
Federal	16%



# CITY OF JACKSON TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY - RURAL OUTCOUNTY SERVICE

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Address: 2350 East High Street  
Jackson, MI 49203  
Telephone: (517) 787-8363  
Contact Person: Gordon Szlachetka

Senate District - 19  
House District - 50  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Nick Smith (R)  
Rep. Philip Hoffman (R)  
Rep. Michael Griffin (D)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* City of Jackson Transportation Authority was established as a public transportation company and is operated by the Jackson City Authority under Michigan Act 196.
- \* Jackson transit does an outstanding job of providing transit service to citizens in the Jackson urbanized area. They also provide demand/response service for all of Jackson County residents.
- \* This system has established special contracts with area Human Service Agencies to serve the needs of area handicappers.
- \* Demand/response and specialized service is provided to Jackson County residents under a contract with the authority.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

No. of buses: 9  
Lift-equipped: 6  
FY 1986 miles: 220,593  
FY 1986 ridership: 41,324  
Population served: 76,725  
No. of employees: 14



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## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible Expenditures: \$320,919

### Funding Sources:

Local 30%  
State 34%  
Federal 36%

# KALAMAZOO METRO TRANSIT SYSTEM

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Address: 530 North Rose Street  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007  
Telephone: (616) 385-8201  
Contact Person: William Schomisch

Senate District - 13  
House District - 46  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Jack Welborn (R)  
Rep. Mary Brown (D)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Kalamazoo Metro Transit System (MTS) is owned and operated by the City of Kalamazoo under the direction of the transit authority. Service areas include: Kalamazoo, Comstock, Kalamazoo Township, Parchment, and Oshtemo. Service is subcontracted in Portage.
- \* Additionally, MTS provides service to students at Western Michigan University via "Bronco Transit." This special service is provided with fixed routes throughout Western's campus.



- \* Active in marketing its services, MTS has received two prestigious awards. In 1985, Metro Transit won the "Gold Addy" award in recognition of the best transit radio commercial. In 1986 MTS was honored again by the American Public Transit Association in recognition of its outstanding television commercials.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-Sat. 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

No. of buses: 49  
Lift-equipped: 49

FY 1986 miles: 1,237,322  
FY 1986 ridership: 1,969,486

Population served: 154,990  
Employees  
(Full-/Part-time): 85

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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: .5 mill  
Renewal Period: 3 years  
Beginning: November 1986  
Ending: November 1989  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$382,000

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$3,498,877

### Funding Sources:

Local 37%  
State 36%  
Federal 27%

# MUSKEGON AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM

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Address: 923 Witham Avenue  
North Muskegon, MI 49445  
Telephone: (616) 724-6420  
Contact Person: Ernest Palmer

Senate District - 33  
House District - 96  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Phil Arthurhultz (R)  
Rep. Mickey Knight (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* The Muskegon Area Transit System (MATS) is owned and operated by the County of Muskegon. The county transit director and transit manager are responsible for the day-to-day management of the system.
- \* MATS provides service in the cities of Muskegon, Muskegon Heights, Norton Shores, and Roosevelt Park.
- \* MATS was the recipient a 1986 Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties for the creation of the downtown trolley shuttle service.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat. 10 a.m. 6 p.m.

No. of buses: 20  
Lift-equipped: 15

FY 1986 miles: 468,942  
FY 1986 ridership: 693,437

Population served: 105,634  
Employees  
(Full-/Part-time): 31



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## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible Expenditures: \$1,257,851

### Funding Sources:

Local 36%  
State 27%  
Federal 37%

# NILES DIAL-A-RIDE

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Address: 623 North Second Street  
Niles, MI 49120  
Telephone: (616) 683-8282  
Contact Person: Judi Wiseman

Senate District - 22  
House District - 43  
Representatives Name:  
**Sen. Harry Gast (R)**  
**Rep. Carl Gnodtke (R)**

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* The Niles' Dial-A-Ride is a demand/response system operated by a private company: Transportation Management, Inc. Service recommendations and guidance are received from a local advisory council and the Niles' City Council.
- \* The system prides itself in community-oriented activities and services. For example, the system annually enters one of their vehicles in the gala Apple Festival!
- \* In 1986, Niles' Dial-A-Ride displayed its outstanding community spirit by transporting Vice President George Bush and his party around the city during an official visit.
- \* The Niles' Dial-A-Ride system is scheduled to receive a shiny, new trolley to promote tourist attractions and to provide a unique experience to area riders!



## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-Th 6 a.m. - 11 p.m.  
F 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat. 8 a.m. - 11 p.m.  
Sun. 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

No. of buses: 10  
Lift-equipped: 5

FY 1986 miles: 226,283  
FY 1986 ridership: 86,778

Population served: 34,102  
Employees  
(Full-/Part-time): 25

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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: .5 mill  
Renewal Period: Every 2 years  
Beginning: November 1976  
Ending: November 1988  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$45,000

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$79,387

### Funding Sources:

Local 36%  
State 46%  
Federal 18%

# SAGINAW TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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Address: 615 Johnson Street  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
Telephone: (517) 776-1679  
Contact Person: Sylvester Payne

Senate District - 14  
House District - 85, 100  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Jerome Hart (D)  
Rep. Roland Niederstadt (D)  
Rep. James O'Neill, Jr. (D)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* The Saginaw Transit System (STS) operates 11 fixed routes from the Central Transfer Plaza in Saginaw.
- \* STS's Handi-Cab program provides seniors and handicappers with essential transit services.
- \* STS takes great pride in offering a unique service called "Nickleodeon," a lunch shuttle that offers quick, efficient service to over 5,000 workers at lunch time.
- \* STS has a new route which began September 1, 1987, that provides service to Delta College and Saginaw Valley State College.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6:15 a.m. - 6:15 p.m.  
Sat. 8:20 - 6 p.m.

No. of buses: 43  
Lift-equipped: 36

FY 1986 miles: 849,889  
FY 1986 ridership: 1,315,997

Population served: 146,769  
No. of employees: 89



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## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$1,738,083

### Funding Sources:

Local 41%  
State 32%  
Federal 27%

# SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Address: 660 Woodward Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48226  
Telephone: (313) 256-8641  
Contact Person: Al Martin

Senate District - 8, 11, 15, 16, 28, 30  
House District - 20, 21, 24, 39, 51, 60,  
69, 76, 78, 87  
Representatives Name:

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* SEMTA provides services in the counties of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, St. Clair, Livingston, and Monroe.
- \* SEMTA provides line-haul service on 34 routes operating out of three area terminals. Most of the routes, including express and Park-and-Rides, circulate within the three large counties and connect the suburbs with the city of Detroit. There is also suburb-to-suburb service. Additional terminals provide small bus services.

See list below.

- \* SEMTA also operates one of the most extensive small bus services in the nation! All small buses in the SEMTA fleet (and 70 percent of their line-haul buses) are lift-equipped to meet the needs of handicappers and people with walking disabilities.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

No. of buses:  
Line-haul 243  
Small buses 190

FY 1986 miles: 14,600,000<sup>o</sup>  
FY 1986 ridership: 10,600,000<sup>o</sup>

Population served: 3,200,000<sup>o</sup>  
No. of employees: 644<sup>o</sup>



Republican Senators:  
Cruce, Degrow, Dillingham, Fessler,  
Nichols, & Shinkel

Democratic Senator: Faxon

Republican Representatives:  
Bullard, Brotherton, Dunaskiss,  
Honigman, Johnson, Miller, Munsell,  
Muxlow, Sparks, & Trim

Democratic Representatives:  
Bartnik, Berman, Docherty, Owen,  
Spaniola, & Webb

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$40,000,000<sup>o</sup>

### Funding Sources:

Local	25%
(All Farebox to other revenue)	
State	52%
Federal	23%

<sup>o</sup>Approximately

**NON-URBAN TRANSIT SYSTEMS**

# ADRIAN DIAL-A-RIDE

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Address: 100 Church Street  
Adrian, MI 49221  
Telephone: (517) 263-2161  
Contact Person: Mark J. Jagodzinski

Senate District - 11  
House District - 40  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Norman Shinkle (R)  
Rep. Timothy Walberg (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* The Adrian Dial-A-Ride is operated by a private organization called Lenawee Transportation Corporation. It is administered by the Adrian City Commission.
- \* Adrian Dial-A-Ride provides demand/response transit service to the citizens of Adrian, including service to students at Adrian College. Fifty percent of Adrian Dial-A-Ride riders are seniors and handicappers.
- \* Adrian Dial-A-Ride has been providing safe, dependable, cost-effective transportation to the citizens in its area since 1976.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.

No. of buses: 6  
Lift-equipped: 2

FY 1986 miles: 169,085  
FY 1986 ridership: 96,505

Population served: 21,186  
Employees  
(Full-/Part-time): 10



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## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible Expenditures: \$189,980

### Funding Sources:

Farebox 17%  
Local 24%  
State 43%  
Federal 16%



# ALGER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION

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Address: 100 Court  
Munising, MI 49682  
Telephone: (906) 387-2439  
Contact Person: Rochelle Cotey

Senate District - 38  
House District - 107  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Joseph Mack (D)  
Rep. Pat Gagliardi (D)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Alger/Marquette Community Action (ACTION) began servicing Alger County residents in 1982. Based in Munising, ACTION is managed by the director of the Alger-Marquette Community Action Board.
- \* ACTION sponsors special summer shuttles from Munising to Grand Marais through the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Park. Running from June-September, the ACTION shuttle serves backpackers, tourists, local workers, residents, and students.
- \* Action's rural service areas benefit from a newly created volunteer advisory committee. ACTION developed this concept to assist rural service planning and develop more effective rural area routes.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

No. of buses: 9  
Lift-equipped: 4

FY 1986 miles: 195,618  
FY 1986 ridership: 40,776

Population served: 9,225  
Employees  
(Full-/Part-time): 8



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## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible Expenditures: \$210,871

### Funding Sources:

Local 41%  
State 42%  
Federal 17%

# ALMA DIAL-A-RIDE

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Address: 525 E. Superior St.  
P.O. Box 217  
Alma, MI 48801  
Telephone: (517) 463-8336  
Contact Person: Douglas Bunkers

Senate District - 35  
House District - 89  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. John Engler (R)  
Rep. Gary L. Randall (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Alma Dial-A-Ride is operated by the City of Alma and managed by the assistant to the city manager/transportation director.
- \* In 1982, the Alma Transportation Plaza was opened. This intermodal facility is home to the Dial-A-Ride offices and the spacious, modern intercity bus terminal. The Alma Transportation Plaza building also brings in additional revenue through leasing of its extra office space.
- \* Alma Dial-A-Ride is especially proud of its driver, Mr. John Hartman. John was the 1986 1st place winner of the Michigan Small Bus Roadeo!
- \* Alma Dial-A-Ride is proud, too, of the safe, efficient, essential transit services it provides to area seniors and handicappers.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/House of Operation:  
M-F 6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

No. of buses: 6  
Lift-equipped: 2

FY 1986 miles: 96,962  
FY 1986 ridership: 74,045

Population served: 9,652  
Employees  
(Full-/Part-time): 8



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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: 1 mill  
Renewal Period: Continuous  
Beginning: July 1976  
Ending:  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$97,650

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$215,754

### Funding Sources:

Local	41%
State	42%
Federal	17%

# ALPENA DIAL-A-RIDE

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Address: 208 North First  
Alpena, MI 49707  
Telephone: (517) 354-2635  
Contact Person: Ron Prell

Senate District - 36  
House District - 106  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Connie Binsfeld (R)  
Rep. John Pridnia (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Alpena Dial-A-Ride system was established in 1974 and serves the citizens of Alpena County.
- \* The system makes transportation service available to citizens in the Alpena area.
- \* The system is owned by the City of Alpena and is operated by a private contractor who is responsible for day-to-day operations, management, and maintenance.
- \* The system is proud of the services it provides to seniors and handicappers.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

No. of buses: 6  
Lift-equipped: 3

FY 1986 miles: 164,746  
FY 1986 ridership: 91,255

Population served: 12,214  
Employees  
(Full-/Part-time): 12



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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: .5 mill  
Renewal Period: 3 years  
Beginning: November 1985  
Ending: November 1988  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$75,000

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$239,657

### Funding Sources:

Local	41%
State	44%
Federal	15%

# ANTRIM COUNTY TRANSPORTATION

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Address: P.O. Box 120  
Bellaire, MI 49615  
Telephone: (616) 533-8644  
Contact Person: Robert Straw

Senate District - 37  
House District - 103  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Mitch Irwin (D)  
Rep. Ralph Ostling (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Antrim County Transportation (ACT) makes public transit services available to all citizens of Antrim County.
- \* Since its inception in 1979, ACT has transported a total of 652,000 passengers and logged over 3 million miles.
- \* In addition to its regular services, ACT provides transportation for children in the area's Headstart program, rides for seniors to county senior centers, and essential transportation for handicapped clients. ACT also makes package delivery available to the area.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 5:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

No. of buses: 14  
Lift-equipped: 8

FY 1986 miles: 474,609  
FY 1986 ridership: 88,919

Population served: 16,194  
Employees: 18  
(Full-/Part-time):



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## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$421,727

### Funding Sources:

Local 41%  
State 43%  
Federal 16%

# BARRY COUNTY TRANSIT

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Address: 2780 Gun Lake Road  
Hastings, MI 49508  
Telephone: (616) 948-8174  
Contact Person: Joseph Bleam

Senate District - 13  
House District - 88  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Jack Welborn (R)  
Rep. Robert Bender (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Barry County Transit started in 1982 and is operated by Barry County.
- \* BCT offers riders in the city of Hastings a unique service called "Quicky Bus System." The rider receives a free ride if the bus doesn't arrive within fifteen minutes after being called.
- \* BCT is especially proud of their driver, Dennis Basset, who has won the Michigan Small Bus Roadeo twice!
- \* BCT plans to open a new facility in mid-1988, thanks to a recent Section 3 federal/state matching grant.
- \* An industrious system, BCT also contracts with local human services agencies and provides transportation to the area's Sheltered Workshop clients.



## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 5:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

No. of buses: 6  
Lift-equipped: 6

FY 1986 miles: 180,000  
FY 1986 ridership: 52,563

Population served: 45,781  
No. of employees:  
(Full/Part Time) 9

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## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$231,381

### Funding Sources:

Local	43%
State	45%
Federal	12%

# BAY AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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Address: 517 Wellington  
Traverse City, MI 49684  
Telephone: (616) 941-2355  
Contact Person: Rick Kaufman

Senate District - 37  
House District - 104,103  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Mitch Irwin (D)  
Rep. Thomas Power (R)  
Rep. Ralph Ostling (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* The Bay Area Transit Authority (BATA) serves Leelanau County and Northern Grand Traverse County.
- \* The BATA system takes great pride in providing essential transit service to the seniors and handicappers in their area.



- \* In addition to its commuter runs, fixed-routes, and cross town transit, BATA also offers shuttle and parcel delivery services.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

No. of buses: 22  
Lift-equipped: 7

FY 1986 miles: 590,527  
FY 1986 ridership: 222,425

Population served: 56,495  
Employees  
(Full-/Part-time): 41

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## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$510,183

### Funding Sources:

Local 44%  
State 46%  
Federal 10%

# BELDING DIAL-RIDE

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Address: 120 South Pleasant  
Belding, MI 48809  
Telephone: (616) 794-1900  
Contact Person: Dave Wilson

Senate District - 13  
House District - 88  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Jack Welborn (R)  
Rep. Robert Bender (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Belding Dial-A-Ride was established as a demand/response system in 1975 and serves Belding City residents.
- \* The Belding Dial-A-Ride system takes an active interest in the welfare of the community's children by providing transportation to and from school. School children constitute the largest portion of Belding's ridership.

- \* Belding Dial-A-Ride transports hundreds of spectators who attend the area's annual basketball tournaments.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

No. of buses: 3  
Lift-equipped: 2

FY 1986 miles: 57,255  
FY 1986 ridership: 43,896

Population served: 5,634  
Employees  
(Full-/Part-time): 6



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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: .5 mill  
Renewal Period: Perpetual  
Beginning: 1976  
Ending:  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$23,000

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$93,939

### Funding Sources:

Local 40%  
State 42%  
Federal 18%

# BERRIEN COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

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Address: P.O. Box 186  
Berrien Springs, MI 49103  
Telephone: (616) 471-1100  
Contact Person: Joseph Kemp

Senate District - 22  
House District - 44  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Harry Gast (R)  
Rep. Lad Stacey (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Berrien County Public Transportation, which was established in 1983, is owned by Berrien County. The County contracts the operation of the system to Transportation Management Incorporated (TMI).
- \* TMI makes transit service available to all citizens of Berrien County.

\* TMI also provides vital transportation for the clients of the Berrien Springs Sheltered Workshop.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

No. of buses: 13  
Lift-equipped: 5

FY 1986 miles: 392,323  
FY 1986 ridership: 131,063

Population served: 136,241  
Employees  
(Full-/Part-time): 16



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## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$449,877

### Funding Sources: \*

Local 0%  
State 100%  
Federal 0%

\*New System



# BRANCH AREA RURAL BUS SYSTEM

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Address: 772 East Chicago  
Coldwater, MI 49036  
Telephone: (517) 278-5889  
Contact Person: Robert Ballard

Senate District - 19  
House District - 41  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Nick Smith (R)  
Rep. Michael Nye (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

\* Branch Area Rural Bus System (BARBS) was established as a new service system in 1984. Owned by Branch County, BARBS is administered by a local small bus committee.

\* BARBS provides vital transportation services for area seniors and handicappers, like rides to nutrition centers and serving the foster grandparent program.

\* BARBS enables area programs like ADAPT to reach out to mental health clients by providing essential transit services.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

No. of buses: 8  
Lift-equipped: 4

FY 1986 miles: 292,790  
FY 1986 ridership: 91,420

Population served: 40,188  
Employees  
(Full-/Part-time): 18



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## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$234,180

### Funding Sources:\*

Local 0%  
State 100%  
Federal 0%

\*New System

# BIG RAPIDS DIAL-A-RIDE

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Address: 226 North Michigan Ave.  
Big Rapids, MI 49037  
Telephone: (616) 796-8675  
Contact Person: Walt Miller

Senate District - 36  
House District - 99  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. John Engler (R)  
Rep. Joanne Emmons (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* The Big Rapids Dial-A-Ride system has made demand/response transportation service available to citizens within the city of Big Rapids since 1975.
- \* The system has logged a total of 1,815,000 miles and provided over 1,375,000 rides as of April 1987.
- \* The system provides several bus shelters for its riders. The shelters have been placed near apartment complexes, shopping centers, and subdivisions to accommodate passengers.

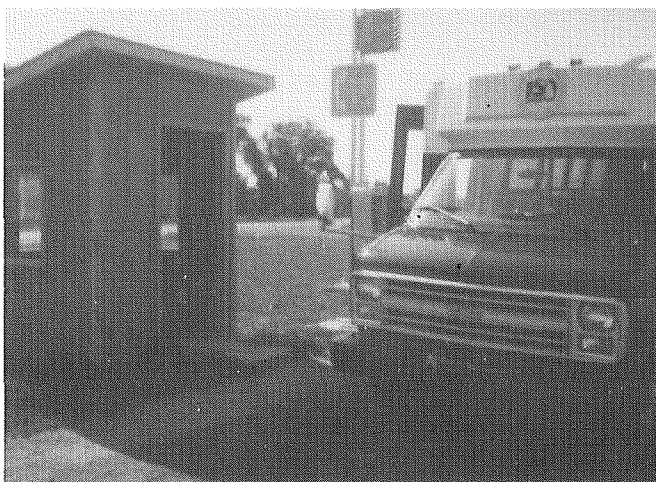
## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Sat. 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

No. of buses: 8  
Lift-equipped: 3

FY 1986 miles: 141,163  
FY 1986 ridership: 104,634

Population served: 14,361  
Employees  
(Full-/Part-time): 15



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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: up to 2 mills  
Renewal Period: Continuous  
Beginning: 1978  
Ending: Present  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$128,000

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$280,020

### Funding Sources:

Local 41%  
State 43%  
Federal 16%

# CADILLAC/WEXFORD TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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Address: 500 North Mitchell  
 Cadillac, MI 49601  
 Telephone: (616) 779-0123  
 Contact Person: Sheila Hilard

Senate District - 36  
 House District - 18  
 Representatives Name:  
 Sen. Connie Binsfeld (R)  
 Rep. Sidney Ouwinga (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* The Cadillac/Wexford Transit System makes demand/response service available with additional fixed routes to the citizens of Wexford County and the city of Cadillac.
- \* The system takes great pride in its special program called "Joyride," which provides area seniors and handicappers with safe, dependable transit services in and around the city of Cadillac and Wexford County.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
 M-F 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
 Sat. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

No. of buses:	14
Lift-equipped:	7
FY 1986 miles:	413,025
FY 1986 ridership:	129,547
Population served:	25,102
Employees (Full-/Part-time):	21




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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: .4 mill  
 Renewal Period: Two years  
 Beginning: April 1986  
 Ending: April 1988  
 Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$110,000

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible Expenditures: \$433,710

### Funding Sources:

Local	42%
State	43%
Federal	15%

# CARO THUMBODY EXPRESS

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Address: 377 Montague  
Caro, MI 48723  
Telephone: (517) 673-4121  
Contact Person: Brian Briggs

Senate District - 34  
House District - 77  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. James Barcia (D)  
Rep. Dick Allen (D)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Caro Thumbody Express is operated for the Village of Caro by the Human Development Commission, a nonprofit organization in Caro.
- \* Thumbody Express offers demand/response transportation to the general public. Senior citizens especially rely on the service.
- \* Caro Thumbody Express makes special service arrangements with local and state service facilities to meet the transportation needs of area handicappers.
- \* Service is provided within the Village of Caro and Almer and Indianfields Townships.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

No. of buses: 6  
Lift-equipped: 4

FY 1986 miles: 146,674  
FY 1986 ridership: 54,674

Population served: 4,317  
Employees (Full-/Part-time): 11



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## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible Expenditures: 145,422.24

## Funding Sources:

Local	21%
State	79%
Federal	-0-

\*New Service System

# CAPITAL AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (CATA RURAL SERVICES)

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Address: 4615 Tranter  
Lansing, MI 48910  
Telephone: (517) 394-1100  
Contact Person: Mike Severns

Senate District - 20, 24  
House District - 23, 57, 58, 59  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. John Schwarz (R)  
Sen. William Sederberg (R)  
Rep. Phillip Hoffman (R)  
Rep. David Hollister (D)  
Rep. Debbie Stabenow (D)  
Rep. H. Lynn Jondahl (D)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* CATA Rural Services is managed by CATA and operated by the Special Transportation Inc.
- \* A fleet of seven buses provides a combined total of 32 hours of service a day.
- \* Handicappers, seniors, and students are the main beneficiaries of Intran's service.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

No. of buses: 7  
Lift-equipped: 5

FY 1986 miles: 241,168  
FY 1986 ridership: 33,941

Population served: 42,067  
No. of employees: 10

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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: .25 mill  
Renewal Period: 4 years  
Beginning: 1986  
Ending: 1990  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$680,000

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$243,452

### Funding Sources:

Local	41%
State	42%
Federal	17%

# CHARLEVOIX COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT

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Address: P.O. Box 725  
 Boyne City, MI 49712  
 Telephone: (616) 582-6964  
 Contact Person: Art Saworski

Senate District - 37  
 House District - 103  
 Representatives Name:  
 Sen. Mitch Irwin (R)  
 Rep. Ralph Ostling (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Charlevoix County Public Transit (CCPT) was established in 1980 and is operated by the Charlevoix County Board.
- \* CCPT is a demand/response system which was established to serve the residents of Charlevoix County.
- \* CCPT is proud of the essential services it provides to seniors and handicappers in Charlevoix County. For example, the system delivers meals to seniors and provides transportation for handicappers to local workshops.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
 M-F 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

No. of buses: 10  
 Lift-equipped: 6

FY 1986 miles: 241,159  
 FY 1986 ridership: 73,644

Population served: 19,907  
 Employees  
 (Full-/Part-time): 13




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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: .25 mill  
 Renewal Period: Three years  
 Beginning: 1982  
 Ending: December 1988  
 Funds/Yr. Est'd. \$105,000

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible Expenditures: \$319,277

### Funding Sources:

Local	40%
State	42%
Federal	18%

# CLARE COUNTY TRANSIT CORPORATION

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Address: 4175 North Clare  
Harrison, MI 48625  
Telephone: (517) 539-1474  
Contact Person: Ken Haskell

Senate District - 35  
House District - 18  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. John Engler (R)  
Rep. Sidney Ouwinga (D)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Clare County Transit Corporation began in 1983 to provide transportation services to area residents.
- \* Fifty-one percent of Clare County Transit's passengers are handicappers and thirteen percent are seniors. Three of the seven Clare County buses are equipped with wheelchair lifts to assist handicappers.
- \* Clare County Transit takes great pride in the conscientious service it provides to area citizens.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6 a.m. 6 p.m.

No. of buses: 6  
Lift-equipped: 3

FY 1986 miles: 34,729  
FY 1986 ridership: 7,404

Population served: 23,822  
Employees  
(Full-/Part-time): 15



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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: .3 mill  
Renewal Period: 2 years  
Beginning: January 1987  
Ending: December 1989  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$82,000

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$36,489  
(Only for 1 1/2 months)

### Funding Sources:

Local 41%  
State 43%  
Federal 16%

# CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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Address: P.O. Box 166  
Grayling, MI 49738  
Telephone: (517) 348-8215  
Contact Person: Dave Frederick

Senate District - 36  
House District - 103  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Connie Binsfeld (R)  
Rep. Ralph Ostling (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* The Crawford County Transportation Authority has been providing safe, dependable transit service to the citizens of Crawford County and the City of Grayling since 1976. It is one of the first county-wide systems in Michigan.
- \* Crawford County Transit is a rural system with a service area population of 9,465. Last year ridership climbed to 122,870 trips which is nearly 13 trips per citizen in Crawford County!
- \* Crawford County Transit operates five lift-equipped vehicles for riders with special transportation needs.
- \* Crawford County Transit is especially proud of its driver, Mr. Donald Boone. Don was the 1987 1st place winner of the Michigan Small Bus Roadeo!

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 5:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sun. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

No. of buses: 11  
Lift-equipped: 5

FY 1986 miles: 381,608  
FY 1986 ridership: 122,870

Population served: 9,465  
No. of employees: 22

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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: .75 mill  
Renewal Period: 1989  
Beginning: January 1985  
Ending: December 1989  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$150,000

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible Expenditures: \$423,798

### Funding Sources:

Local	41%
State	44%
Federal	15%



# DOWAGIAC DIAL-A-RIDE

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Address: P.O. Box 430  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
Telephone: (616) 782-8200  
Contact Person: Larry Shaw

Senate District - 21  
House District - 45  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Harmon Cropsey (R)  
Rep. James Middaugh (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Dowagiac Dial-A-Ride was established in 1975 as a demand/response system serving the City of Dowagiac.
- \* The system takes great pride in providing essential transit services to area seniors and handicappers.



- \* Dowagiac Dial-A-Ride works hard to stay within their budget! In fact, the system operates on 9/10 of the one mill it was allotted for operating costs.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

No. of buses: 3  
Lift-equipped: 3

FY 1986 miles: 32,866  
FY 1986 ridership: 24,193

Population served: 6,307  
No. of employees: 6

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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: 1 mill  
Renewal Period: Continuous  
Beginning: 1975  
Ending:  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$30,000

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$72,991

### Funding Sources:

Local 40%  
State 41%  
Federal 19%

# EATON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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Address: 115 West Lawrence  
Charlotte, MI 48813  
Telephone: (517) 371-3313  
Contact Person: Debra Williamson

Senate District - 20  
House District - 56  
Representatives Name:  
**Sen. John Schwarz (R)**  
**Rep. Frank Fitzgerald (R)**

## SYSTEM PROFILE

\* Eaton County Transportation Authority (EATRAN) operates four Dial-A-Ride components: Eaton Rapids, Charlotte, Grand Ledge, and Delta Township. Intercity services, as well as commuter services connecting Eaton County with downtown Lansing, are also offered to EATRAN riders.

\* A unique driver training program is provided for all EATRAN drivers by a transportation consortium which includes the local sheriff's department, and intermediate and local school districts.



## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

No. of buses: 15  
Lift-equipped: 9

FY 1986 miles: 565,199  
FY 1986 ridership: 147,170

Population served: 88,337  
Employees  
(Full-/Part-time): 30

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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: .33 mill  
Renewal Period: 5 years  
Beginning: 1987  
Ending: 1992  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$360,000

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$652,453

### Funding Sources:

Local 40%  
State 43%  
Federal 17%

# EASTERN UPPER PENINSULA TRANSPORTATION

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Address: 119 Culley Road  
Kincheloe, MI 49788  
Telephone: (906) 495-5656  
Contact Person: Jack Short

Senate District - 37  
House District - 107  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Mitch Irwin (D)  
Rep. Pat Gagliardi (D)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* The Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority was established in 1976 to provide bus transit service to Chippewa and Luce counties.
- \* EUPTA provides contractual transportation for several human services agencies serving an average of 3,776 handicapper clients each month.

- \* EUPTA is proud of its community service activities! For example, they and their drivers donated time to provide transportation for the area's Special Olympic games.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6 am. - 7 p.m.

No. of buses: 10  
Lift-equipped: 4

FY 1986 miles: 334,983  
FY 1986 ridership: 76,125

Population served: 21,240  
No. of employees:



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## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$326,776

### Funding Sources:

Local 41%  
State 42%  
Federal 17%

# GLADWIN CITY/COUNTY TRANSIT

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Address: 621 Weaver Court  
P.O. Box 473  
Gladwin, MI 48624  
Telephone: (517) 426-6751  
Contact Person: Dennis Vannest

Senate District - 34  
House District - 105  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. James Barcia (D)  
Rep. Thomas Alley (D)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Gladwin City/County Transit (GCCT) began providing service to the City of Gladwin in 1975. In 1981, Gladwin County joined the City to provide county-wide service.
- \* Today GCCT provides demand/response service to the cities of Beaverton and Gladwin and the immediate surrounding areas. Flexible route, fixed schedule service is provided four times daily for out-county areas.

- \* GCCT is proud to provide essential transit services to the seniors and handicappers in its area, as well as the many other riders it serves.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 7 a.m. 6 p.m.

No. of buses: 11  
Lift-equipped: 6

FY 1986 miles: 342,648  
FY 1986 ridership: 99,216

Population served: 19,957  
Employees  
(Full-/Part-time): 29



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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: .5 mill  
Renewal Period: 5 years  
Beginning: 1983  
Ending: 1987  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$128,000

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$329,658

### Funding Sources:

Local	41%
State	42%
Federal	17%

# GOGEBIC COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT

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Address: 100 East Aurora  
Ironwood, MI 49938  
Telephone: (906) 932-2523  
Contact Person: James Mildren

Senate District - 38  
House District - 110  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Joseph Mack (D)  
Rep. Richard Sofio (D)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Gogebic County Public Transit (GCPT) was created in 1981. It is administered through a third-party agreement between Gogebic County and the Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency.
- \* Gogebic County is the seventh largest county by total acreage in Michigan and is able to make transit service available to the entire county.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

No. of buses:	5
Lift-equipped:	3
FY 1986 miles:	93,887
FY 1986 ridership:	33,354
Population served:	19,686
Employees (Full-/Part-time):	7



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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: .33 mill  
Renewal Period: 2 years  
Beginning: October 1986  
Ending: September 1988  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$46,000

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$142,042

### Funding Sources:

Local	41%
State	42%
Federal	17%

# GRAND HAVEN HARBOR TRANSIT

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Address: 440 North Ferry  
Grand Haven, MI 49417  
Telephone: (616) 842-3220  
Contact Person: Julie Bildner

Senate District - 23  
House District - 95  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Edgar Fredericks (R)  
Rep. Alvin J. Hockman (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* The Grand Haven Harbor Transit (GHHT) system is administered and operated by the City of Grand Haven. It serves the cities of Grand Haven and Ferrysburg and the village of Spring Lake.
- \* Each participating community has one member on the Harbor Transit steering committee to give guidance and service recommendations to the Harbor Transit System.
- \* Besides having a fleet of 14 buses, this unique system operates two trolleys for the GHHT and Spring Lake central business authorities. The trolleys run from Memorial Day to Labor Day, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., offering riders a fun transit experience!

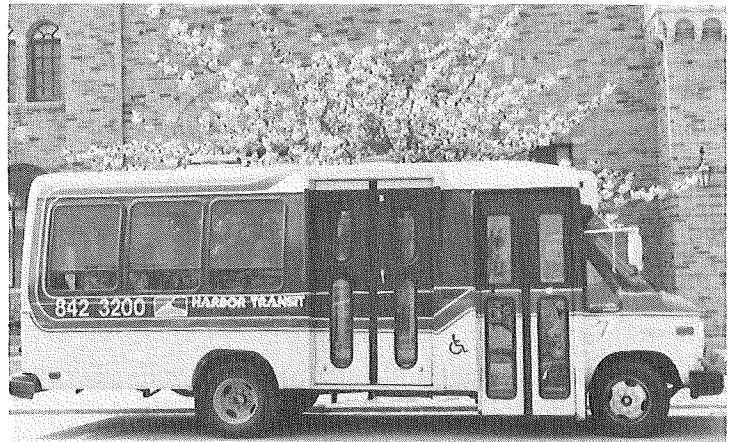
## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

No. of buses: 14  
Lift-equipped: 6

FY 1986 miles: 350,203  
FY 1986 ridership: 140,596

Population served: 17,934  
Employees  
(Full-/Part-time): 32



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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: 1 mill  
Renewal Period: Indefinite  
Beginning: 1975  
Ending: N/A  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$120,000

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$441,866

### Funding Sources:

Local 41%  
State 43%  
Federal 16%

# GREENVILLE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

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Address: 900 East Kent Street  
Greenville, MI 48838  
Telephone: (616) 754-9163  
Contact Person: Mitch Anna

Senate District - 13  
House District - 19  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Jack Welborn (R)  
Rep. Donald Van Singel (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Greenville Transit is a demand/response system organized to serve the residents in the city of Greenville.
- \* In addition to providing transit services to the general public, the Greenville Transit system takes great pride in "being there" for the seniors and handicappers who depend on its service.
- \* Greenville Transit is a community-oriented service organization.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat. 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

No. of buses: 5  
Lift-equipped: 2

FY 1986 miles: 77,949  
FY 1986 ridership: 64,743

Population served: 8,019  
Employees  
(Full-/Part-time): 2 F.T.  
10 P.T.



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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: .25-.50 mill  
Renewal Period: 5 years  
Beginning: November 1984  
Ending: November 1989  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$26,428

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$121,947

### Funding Sources:

Local	41%
State	43%
Federal	16%

# HILLSDALE DIAL-A-RIDE

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Address: Hillsdale City Hall  
Hillsdale, MI 49242  
Telephone: (517) 437-7312  
Contact Person: Gregg G. Guetschow

Senate District - 19  
House District - 41  
Representatives Names:  
**Sen. Nick Smith (R)**  
**Rep. Michael Nyc (R)**

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Hillsdale Dial-A-Ride transit service was established in 1982 and is operated by the City of Hillsdale Public Service Department.
- \* Hillsdale Dial-A-Ride service area is basically within the Hillsdale City limits. Some service is provided for the handicapped in adjacent Jonesville. Trips are handled mostly on time or call-in, but are changed to incorporate anyone that would be in the area of pick-up or drop-off. Lift-equipped vehicles are also utilized on a demand/response basis. There are no immediate plans for expansion.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

No. of buses:	6
Lift-equipped:	2
FY 1986 miles:	80,826
FY 1986 ridership:	80,932
Population served:	7,500
No. of employees:	5 (Full)
(Full/Part-time)	2 (Part)



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## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible Expenditures: \$139,500

Funding Sources:

Local	40%
State	42%
Federal	18%



# HOLLAND DIAL-A-RIDE

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Address: 270 River Avenue  
Holland, MI 49423  
Telephone: (616) 396-8388  
Contact Person: Jodi Syens

Senate District - 23  
House District - 54, 55  
Representatives Name:  
Sen Edgar Fredericks (R)  
Rep. Paul Hillegonds (R)  
Rep. William VanRegenmorter (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

\* The Holland Dial-A-Ride is a demand/response system owned by the City of Holland and operated by the Holland Transit Corporation, under a private contract with the City. The Holland transit system operates primarily in the city of Holland. The Dial-A-Ride system was established in 1974. Holland was the first to use the Dial-A-Ride concept.

\* The Holland Dial-A-Ride system takes great pride in its involvement in community activities. For example, the Holland system annually enters a vehicle in the gala Tulip Time Festival! Along with the parade activities, Holland Dial-A-Ride provides shuttle buses for thousands of tourists during the Holland Tulip Festival Season!



## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M&F 6: a.m. - 9 p.m.  
T-Th 6 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Sat. 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

No. of buses: 10  
Lift-equipped: 3

FY 1986 miles: 283,996  
FY 1986 ridership: 120,453

Population served: 26,281  
Employees  
(Full/Part-time): 25

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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: .6 mill  
Renewal Period: 3 years  
Beginning: July 1987  
Ending: June 1990  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$170,000

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$430,792

### Funding Sources:

Local 40%  
State 42%  
Federal 18%

# HOUGHTON MOTOR TRANSIT LINE

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Address: 100 Portage Street  
Houghton, MI 49931  
Telephone: (906) 482-1700  
Contact Person: Scott MacInnes

Senate District - 38  
House District - 110  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Joseph Mack (D)  
Rep. Richard Sofis (D)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

\* The Houghton Motor Transit Line is owned and operated by the City of Houghton. The assistant city manager is responsible for the operation of the system.

\* Houghton Motor Transit has three demand/response buses, as well as one fixed-route bus, that serves the downtown area and the Michigan Technological University.

\* In addition to making transportation services available to the general public, Houghton Motor Transit takes pride in providing services to clients of area mental health centers.



## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

No. of buses: 9  
Lift-equipped: 5

FY 1986 miles: 174,211  
FY 1986 ridership: 85,493

Population served: 7,512  
Employees  
(Full-/Part-time): 9

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## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$216,556

State  
42%  
Federal  
17%

### Funding Sources:

Local 41%

# HURON TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION

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Address: 115 Scott Street  
Bad Axe, MI 48413  
Telephone: (517) 269-2103  
Contact Person: Robert Peterson

Senate District - 34  
House District - 77  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Dick Allen (R)  
Rep. James Barcia (D)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

\* The Huron Transit Corporation, known as TAT (Thumb Area Transit) serves the residents of Huron County. TAT is a nonprofit corporation operated by the County of Huron and managed by a transit director. A six-member advisory board offers service recommendations and guidance.

\* TAT offers transit service to five area school districts, taking students from their school districts to the Area Skill Center.

\* This unique system boasts not just one, but two recipients of the Michigan "Heart O' Gold" Award. Clare A. Knoblock, a dispatcher, is credited with saving the life of a senior rider, and Elizabeth Smith, a driver, alerted officials of a mobile home fire.



## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat. 8:30 a.m. 5 p.m.

No. of buses: 14  
Lift-equipped: 5

FY 1986 miles: 561,873  
FY 1986 ridership: 132,753

Population served: 36,459  
No. of employees: 21

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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: .2 mill  
Renewal Period: 3 years  
Beginning: October 1987  
Ending: September 1990  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$117,528

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$523,890

### Funding Sources:

Local 41%  
State 43%  
Federal 16%

# IONIA DIAL-A-RIDE

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Address: 114 North Kidd Street  
Ionia, MI 48846  
Telephone: (616) 527-4000  
Contact Person: Ron Vanderlip

Senate District - 13  
House District - 88  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Jack Welborn (R)  
Rep. Robert Bender (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* The Ionia Dial-A-Ride is operated by the City of Ionia. Ionia Dial-A-Ride primarily serves the City; however, the service area extends two miles beyond the city limits. This allows the system to provide service to the five area penal institutions and the area's intermediate school.
- \* The system provides essential transit services to area seniors and handicappers.
- \* The Ionia Dial-A-Ride prides itself in being the transit service for the world's largest Free Fair!
- \* The Ionia Dial-A-Ride is an extremely community-oriented system. It proudly participates in many community activities.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

No. of buses: 4  
Lift-equipped: 2

FY 1986 miles: 66,984  
FY 1986 ridership: 51,073

Population served: 5,920



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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: .75 mill  
Renewal Period: Continuous  
Beginning: 1984  
Ending:  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$30,000

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible Expenditures: \$152,060

### Funding Sources:

Local 41%  
State 42%  
Federal 17%

# IOSCO TRANSIT CORPORATION

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Address: P.O. Box 192  
East Tawas, MI 48730  
Telephone: (517) 362-6681  
Contact Person: Walt Burger

Senate District - 36  
House District - 105  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Connie Binsfeld (R)  
Rep. Thomas Alley (D)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Iosco Transit Corporation (ITC) began operation in 1979 and serves the citizens of Iosco County.
- \* ITC provides demand/response service in the cities of Oscoda and Tawas and time share/flexible route services to other areas of the county.
- \* ITC operates a shuttle bus service in the cities of Oscoda and Tawas from Memorial Day through Labor Day.
- \* ITC provides package pick-up service, contracts with the AuSable Mental Health Board to provide service, and is a member of the "Eyes and Ears" program in Michigan. It also transports winter skiers.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

No. of buses: 8  
Lift-equipped: 7

FY 1986 miles: 211,122  
FY 1986 ridership: 40,563

Population served: 28,349  
No. of employees: 17



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## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$225,347

### Funding Sources:

Local 41%  
State 44%  
Federal 15%

# ISABELLA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Address: 4590 East Pickard  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858  
Telephone: (517) 773-2410  
Contact Person: Mike Mobey

Senate District - 35  
House District - 94  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. John Engler (R)  
Rep. Joanne Emmons (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Isabella County Transportation Commission (ICTC) was established in 1974 and is operated by ICTC.
- \* ICTC is the largest rural transit system in Michigan, serving 70,000 people in an area of 575 square miles. It is also one of the few rural transit systems operating 365 days a year.
- \* ICTC's drivers are winners in many ways! Six of the Isabella systems' drivers have placed in the top ten at the Michigan Small Bus Rodeo!
- \* ICTC takes great pride in the excellent working relationship it has established with area schools. For example, it contracts with the schools to provide transportation services to and from local sporting events.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Sat. 7 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Sun. & Hol. 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

No. of buses: 27  
Lift-equipped: 10

FY 1986 miles: 627,185  
FY 1986 ridership: 230,127

Population served: 54,110  
Employees  
(Full-/Part-time): 75




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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: .7 mill  
Renewal Period: 4 years  
Beginning: 1984  
Ending: 1988  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: N/A

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible Expenditures: \$1,228,231

### Funding Sources:

Local	40%
State	42%
Federal	18%

# KALKASKA COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM

Address: P.O. Box 1046  
 US-131, North  
 Kalkaska, MI 49646  
 Telephone: (616) 258-6808  
 Contact Person: Ron Kea

Senate District - 36  
 House District - 104  
 Representatives Name:  
 Sen. Connie Binsfeld (R)  
 Rep. Thomas Power (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* The Kalkaska County Public Transit system was established in 1984 and is operated through a contract with the local Commission on Aging.
- \* The system offers countywide service to the general public.

- \* The Kalkaska system also contracts with the Department of Health to provide essential services to its clients.



## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
 M-F 5:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

No. of buses: 8  
 Lift-equipped: 6

FY 1986 miles: 197,235  
 FY 1986 ridership: 68,381

Population served: 10,952  
 Employees  
 (Full-/Part-time): 13

## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: .5 mill  
 Renewal Period: 5 year  
 Beginning: 1986  
 Ending: 1991  
 Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$66,000

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible Expenditures: \$266,390

Funding Sources\*:

Local 25%  
 State 75%  
 Federal 0%

\*New service system.

# GREATER LAPEER TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Address: 1789 West Genesee  
Lapeer, MI 48446  
Telephone: (313) 664-4566  
Contact Person: Brian Pouget

Senate District - 28  
House District - 84  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Dan DeGrow (R)  
Rep. John Strand (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Greater Lapeer Transportation Authority (GLTA) was established in 1986 and operates through the cooperative efforts of four local governments.
- \* GLTA was created to serve the transportation needs of residents in Elba, Mayfield, and Oregon townships and the City of Lapeer.

- \* This system represents the community's commitment to meeting the essential transportation needs of its senior and handicapper residents, as well as the transit needs of all of its residents.



## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

No. of buses:	6
Lift-equipped:	3
FY 1986 miles:	N/A
FY 1986 ridership:	N/A
Population served:	70,038
Employees (Full-/Part-time):	8

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible Expenditures: N/A

### Funding Sources:

Local	42%
State	44%
Federal	14%



# LENAWEE TRANSPORTATION

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Address: 100 East Church Street  
Adrian, MI 49221  
Telephone: (517) 263-2161  
Contact Person: Mark Jagodzinski

Senate District - 11  
House District - 40  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Norman Shinkle (R)  
Rep. Timothy Walberg (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Lenawee Transportation is operated by the Lenawee Transportation Corporation under the supervision of the County. This private organization makes countywide demand/response service available to all citizens of Lenawee County.
- \* Lenawee Transportation provides contract services to the local high school and adult education programs. Contract service is also provided to community mental health clients.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6:45 a.m. - 5 p.m.

No. of buses: 14  
Lift-equipped: 4

FY 1986 miles: 278,828  
FY 1986 ridership: 75,554

Population served: 68,762  
Employees  
(Full-/Part-time): 12



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## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible Expenditures: \$242,000

### Funding Sources:

Farebox	9%
Local	34%
State	44%
Federal	13%

# LUDINGTON MASS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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Address: 410 East Dowland  
Ludington, MI 48431  
Telephone: (616) 845-1231  
Contact Person: Dick Collins

Senate District - 33  
House District - 98  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Phil Arthurhultz (R)  
Rep. Ed Giese (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Ludington Mass Transportation Authority (LMTA) is an independent transit authority, established in 1974, to serve residents in Ludington and Scottsville.
- \* As a special service, LMTA provides daily contract service to the clients of the Intermediate Development Center.
- \* In addition to fixed-route service, LMTA provides rides for special events.
- \* Transportation is provided for the runners and spectators of the Lakestride Marathon, Mayor's Exchange Day, color tours, Christmas tours, visitors to White Pine Village, and school outings.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

No. of buses: 11  
Lift-equipped: 5

FY 1986 miles: 164,766  
FY 1986 ridership: 125,629

Population served: 8,937  
Employees  
(Full/Part-time): 23



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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: 1 mill  
Renewal Period: 3 years  
Beginning: July 1986  
Ending: July 1989  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$92,180

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$383,400

### Funding Sources:

Local 41%  
State 42%  
Federal 17%

# MANISTEE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION INC.

Address: 180 Memorial Drive  
Manistee, MI 44660  
Telephone: (616) 723-6561  
Contact Person: Donna Hargreaves

Senate District - 36  
House District - 98  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Connie Binsfeld (R)  
Rep. Ed Giese (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* The Manistee County Transportation Inc. (MCT) is a full service demand/response, shuttle, commuter, subscription, park-n-ride, and trolley bus service! It serves all of Manistee County.
- \* MCT is involved with many community projects and activities. These include the transportation of fine art exhibits, riverwalk band concerts, circle tour trolley tours, transportation Hall of Fame, and the employee of the year award celebration.
- \* MCT has received many awards! They include the Outstanding Service Award from the Manistee Chamber of Commerce, the Special Service Award from the Association for Retarded Citizens, and the first Special Recognition Certificate awarded from the Michigan Department of Transportation.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 5:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

No. of buses: 20  
Lift-equipped: 11

FY 1986 miles: 539,879  
FY 1986 ridership: 133,208

Population served: 23,019  
Employees  
(Full/Part-time): 33



## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: .035 mill  
Renewal Period: Perpetual  
Beginning: 1982  
Ending:  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$114,000

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$665,004

### Funding Sources:

Local	41%
State	43%
Federal	16%

# MARQUETTE COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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Address: 145 West Spring  
Marquette, MI 49855  
Telephone: (906) 225-1112  
Contact Person: Bob Niemi

Senate District - 38  
House District - 108  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Joseph Mack (D)  
Rep. Dominic Jacobetti (D)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Marq-tran was created in 1985 through the consolidation of three public transit systems within Marquette County. Marq-tran currently makes transit services available to all Marquette County citizens.
- \* The Michigan Department of Transportation presented Marq-tran with a special recognition award for the successful integration of three systems into the present Marq-tran in 1986.
- \* Marq-tran operates the Marquette Transportation Center, an intermodal transit terminal, for the City of Marquette.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-Sat. 6:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

No. of buses: 21  
Lift-equipped: 11

FY 1986 miles: 707,335  
FY 1986 ridership: 276,203

Population served: 74,101  
Employees  
(Full-/Part-time): 45

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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: .3 mill  
Renewal Period: 5 years  
Beginning: 1984  
Ending: 1988  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$188,000

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible Expenditures: \$749,802

### Funding Sources:

Local	41%
State	42%
Federal	17%

# CITY OF MARSHALL

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Address: 323 West Michigan  
Marshall, MI 49068  
Telephone: (616) 781-5183  
Contact Person: Richard Watkins

Senate District - 20  
House District - 49  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. John Schwarz (R)  
Rep. William J. Martin (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* The City of Marshall's Dial-A-Ride is owned and operated by the City. The city clerk-treasurer is responsible for the operation of the system.
- \* The Marshall Dial-A-Ride is a demand/response system organized to serve area residents.
- \* The City is proud of the essential transportation the Dial-A-Ride system provides to area seniors and handicappers.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

No. of buses: 4  
Lift-equipped: 3

FY 1986 miles: 86,508  
FY 1986 ridership: 65,986

Population served: 7,201  
No. of employees: 9



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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: 1 mill (.33 is levied)  
Renewal Period: Perpetual  
Beginning: 1975  
Ending:  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$80,242 - Full mill  
\$26,480 - .33 mill

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$144,933

### Funding Sources:

Local	40%
State	42%
Federal	18%

# MECOSTA/OSCEOLA COUNTY AREA TRANSIT

Address: 18710 16 Mile Road  
Big Rapids, MI 49307  
Telephone: (616) 796-4896  
Contact Person: David Cope

Senate District - 35  
House District - 18, 99  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. John Engler (R)  
Rep. Joanne Emmons (R)  
Rep. Sidney Ouwinga (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

\* Mecosta/Osceola County Area Transit (MOCAT) is owned by the Counties of Mecosta/Osceola, directed by a board of directors representing citizens from both counties, and run by a system manager. Transit services to Osceola County are obtained through a third-party contract.

\* MOCAT provides all of Mecosta and Osceola counties with line-haul and fixed-route services. MOCAT also provides 15 hours a week Dial-A-Ride service to Reed City in Osceola County.

\* The innovative MOCAT system purchases and stores propane gas for use in its 15 buses. This allows it to cut its fuel costs in half! In addition, it sells propane to various area organizations to increase revenue at the local level.



## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 4:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

No. of buses: Mecosta 8 (lift 4)  
Lift-equipped: Osceola  $\frac{6}{14}$  (lift 3)

Mecosta  
FY 1986 miles: 271,539  
FY 1986 ridership: 52,332

Osceola  
FY 1986 miles: 279,571  
FY 1986 ridership: 53,797

Mecosta  
Population served: 22,600  
No. of employees/  
(Full/Part-time) 21

Osceola  
Population served: 18,928

## FINANCIAL DATA

Mecosta  
1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$241,964

Osceola  
1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$250,052

## Funding Sources:

Local 41%  
State 42%  
Federal 17%

# MIDLAND DIAL-A-RIDE

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Address: 202 Ashman  
Midland, MI 48640  
Telephone: (517) 835-7711  
Contact Person: Doug Wolcott

Senate District - 34, 35  
House District - 101, 102  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. James Barcia (D)  
Sen. John Engler (R)  
Rep. Michael D. Hayes (R)  
Rep. Thomas Hickner (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Midland Dial-A-Ride is operated by the City of Midland to provide demand/response transit service to the citizens in its area.
- \* Midland Dial-A-Ride prides itself in the service it provides to area seniors and handicappers. The system policy proudly states "We will do whatever is necessary to enable seniors and handicappers to use our service consistent with good, safe work rules practice."

- \* In May 1987, the Midland Dial-A-Ride received an award in Recognition of Outstanding Service from Midland's Association for Retarded Citizens organization. This award attests to the success of the special services of Midland's Dial-A-Ride.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.  
Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sun. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

No. of buses: 12  
Lift-equipped: 5

FY 1986 miles: 282,458  
FY 1986 ridership: 104,293

Population served: 37,250  
Employees  
(Full-/Part-time): 29



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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Midland's Dial-A-Ride is partially funded from the City's general funds.

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## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible Expenditures: \$556,135

### Funding Sources:

Local	40%
State	41%
Federal	19%

# CITY OF MILAN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

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Address: 25 Park Lane  
 Milan, MI 48160-1594  
 Telephone: (313) 439-2458  
 Contact Person: Norm Quakenboss

Senate District - 11  
 House District - 21  
 Representatives Name:  
 Sen. Norman Shinkle (R)  
 Rep. Lynn Owen (D)  
 Sen. Lana Pollack (D)  
 Rep. Margaret O'Connor (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* The Milan system was established in 1986 and is operated by the City of Milan. Milan's transit system serves local seniors and handicappers who are provided half-price fares.
- \* The system provides transportation services for the area's elementary and middle school children.

\* Milan has a population of 4,182. During the first year of operation they provided 26,803 rides!

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

No. of buses: 3  
 Lift-equipped: 3  
 FY 1986 miles: 2,431  
 FY 1986 ridership: 738  
 Population served: 4,182  
 Employees  
 (Full-/Part-time): 6




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## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible Expenditures: \$44,703

### Funding Sources\*:

Local 0%  
 State 100%  
 Federal 0%

\*New system September 8, 1986.



# OGEMAW COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT

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Address: P.O. Box 39  
West Branch, MI 48661  
Telephone: (517) 345-5790  
Contact Person: Pat Kangas

Senate District - 36  
House District - 105  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Connie Binsfeld (R)  
Rep. Thomas Alley (D)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Ogemaw County Public Transit was established in 1980. It is operated by the County of Ogemaw.
- \* The system makes public transit services available for county residents and is especially proud of the high usage by area seniors and handicappers.

- \* The Ogemaw County system is known for its operational efficiency which it achieves through contracting its transit services and taking other cost-effective measures.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

No. of buses: 5  
Lift-equipped: 4

FY 1986 miles: 109,717  
FY 1986 ridership: 40,945

Population served: 16,436  
Employees  
(Full-/Part-time): 7



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## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$110,860

### Funding Sources:

Local 41%  
State 44%  
Federal 15%

# ONTONAGON COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT

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Address: 149 Airport Road  
 Ontonagon, MI 49953  
 Telephone: (906) 884-2006  
 Contact Person: Vicki Perryman

Senate District - 38  
 House District - 110  
 Representatives Name:  
 Sen. Joseph Mack (D)  
 Rep. Richard Sofis (D)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Ontonagon County Public Transit (On-Tran) is primarily a demand/response system created to serve the residents of Ontonagon County. On-Tran offers the citizens of Ontonagon transportation to special community events as well as a "rider of the month" recognition program.
- \* On-Tran is proud of the essential service it provides to its community and has been the recipient of the Volunteer Service Award.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
 M-F 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

No. of buses: 6  
 Lift-equipped: 3

FY 1986 miles: 140,512  
 FY 1986 ridership: 36,487

Population served: 9,861  
 No. of employees: 10




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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: .5 mill  
 Renewal Period: 3 years  
 Beginning: November 1985  
 Ending: November 1988  
 Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$54,000+

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
 Expenditures: \$165,021

### Funding Sources:

Local 41%  
 State 42%  
 Federal 17%

# OSCODA COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT

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Address: County Building Annex  
Mio, MI 48647  
Telephone: (517) 826-3048  
Contact Person: George Kibbe

Senate District - 36  
House District - 103  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Connie Binsfeld (R)  
Rep. Ralph Ostling (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Oscoda County Public Transit was established to serve the residents of Oscoda County. Oscoda Transit provides many services for its senior riders including, Meals On Wheels, which are provided five days a week.
- \* Weekly shopping shuttles are offered to the local senior citizen apartment complex dwellers and additional transit services are offered to area nursing homes.

- \* Oscoda Public Transit features a special shuttle service to Forestry Expo, a key tourist event in Oscoda County.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

No. of buses: 4  
Lift-equipped: 3

FY 1986 miles: 121,196  
FY 1986 ridership: 31,193

Population served: 6,858  
Employees  
(Full-/Part-time): 7



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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: .25 mill  
Renewal Period: 2 years  
Beginning: January 1986  
Ending: December 1987  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$30,000

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$109,265

### Funding Sources:

Local 41%  
State 44%  
Federal 15%

# OTSEGO COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT

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Address: 1086 O'Rourke  
Gaylord, MI 49735  
Telephone: (517) 732-6484 Ext. 247  
Contact Person: Pete Awrey

Senate District - 37  
House District - 103  
Representatives Name:  
**Sen. Mitch Irwin (D)**  
**Rep. Ralph Ostling (R)**

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Otsego County Bus System was established in 1978 as a demand/response system serving area seniors and handicappers. In 1980 it became a countywide transit system, serving all county residents.
- \* The system is proud of the essential services it provides to area seniors, handicappers, and school children. Programs such as Meals On Wheels, special shopping days for senior citizens, transit services for vocational education students, are all part of the system's community services.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

No. of buses: 7  
Lift-equipped: 4

FY 1986 miles: 312,442  
FY 1986 ridership: 73,009

Population served: 14,993  
No. of employees: 15



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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: .25 mill  
Renewal Period: 4 years  
Beginning: 1985  
Ending: 1989  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$95,000

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible Expenditures: \$276,828

Funding Sources:

Local 41%  
State 44%  
Federal 15%

# ROSCOMMON MINIBUS SYSTEM

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Address: P.O. Box 284  
Prudenville, MI 48651  
Telephone: (517) 366-5309  
Contact Person: Frank DePrade

Senate District - 36  
House District - 103  
Representatives Name:  
**Sen. Connie Binsfeld (R)**  
**Rep. Ralph Ostling (R)**

## SYSTEM PROFILE

\* Roscommon Minibus System is operated by the County of Roscommon to provide efficient, dependable, transportation services to all area citizens.

\* The Rosco Minibus system is a winner in many ways! They have received awards from their local Special Olympics and from the Roscommon County Fair Board for outstanding service. In addition, they have been recognized for many years of safe, accident-free driving.

\* Package delivery is another service offered by the Rosco system to increase local revenue.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

No. of buses: 10  
Lift-equipped: 5

FY 1986 miles: 520,219  
FY 1986 ridership: 107,150

Population served: 16,374  
No. of employees: 18



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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: .49 mill  
Renewal Period: 5 years  
Beginning: 1986  
Ending: 1990  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$190,495

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$363,554

### Funding Sources:

Local	41%
State	44%
Federal	15%

# SANILAC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION

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Address: 25 Arthur, P.O. Box 158  
Carsonville, MI 48419  
Telephone: (313) 657-9311  
Contact Person: Jackie Billingsley

Senate District - 28  
House District - 78  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Dan DeGrow (R)  
Rep. Keith Muxlow (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Sanilac Transportation Corporation was established in 1984. It is operated by the County Board of Commissioners.
- \* STC provides training for all their drivers on a quarterly basis. To better serve their clients, all STC drivers are also trained in CPR and first aid.
- \* STC provides transportation for mental health clients and the Foster Grandparent's program.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

No. of buses: 8  
Lift-equipped: 7

FY 1986 miles: 358,899  
FY 1986 ridership: 62,948

Population served: 40,789  
No. of employees: 13



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## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$279,381

### Funding Sources:

Local 42%  
State 43%  
Federal 15%

# SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP INTER-URBAN

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Address: 36 Center Street  
Douglas, MI 49406  
Telephone: (616) 857-1301  
Contact Person: Cherie Giller

Senate District - 23  
House District - 54  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Edgar Fredericks (R)  
Rep. Paul Hillegonds (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

\* Saugatuck Township Inter-Urban transit was established in 1980 and is operated by the City of Saugatuck, Saugatuck Township, and the Village of Douglas.

\* STIU is a demand/response system developed to serve area residents.

\* The friendly competitive spirit of this system is reflected in their annual participation in the Michigan Small Bus Roadeo.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat. 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

No. of buses: 3  
Lift-equipped: 2

FY 1986 miles: 95,589  
FY 1986 ridership: 38,003

Population served: 3,780  
No. of employees:  
(Full/Part Time) 10



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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Current: 1 mill  
Renewal Period: 5 years  
Beginning: 1986  
Ending: 1991  
Funds/Yr. Est'd: \$69,000

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible Expenditures: \$169,981

### Funding Sources:

Local	40%
State	42%
Federal	18%

# SAULT STE. MARIE/CHIPPEWA LUCE/MACKINAW COUNTIES COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

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Address: P.O. Box 70  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
Telephone: (906) 632-3363  
Contact Person: Larry Reed

Senate District - 37  
House District - 107  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Mitch Irwin (D)  
Rep. Pat Gagliardi (D)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Sault Ste. Marie's transit service was established in 1974. It is operated through a third-party contract by the Chippewa/Luce/Mackinaw County Community Action Agency.
- \* The Sault Ste. Marie system provides dependable transportation services to area residents. This service is especially useful to many area seniors and handicappers.
- \* The system serves the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.

No. of buses: 5  
Lift-equipped: 2

FY 1986 miles: 90,649  
FY 1986 ridership: 45,215

Population served: 14,448  
No. of employees: 7



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## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$173,595

### Funding Sources:

Local 29%  
State 54%  
Federal 17%



# SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

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Address: 300 Walnut  
Manistique, MI 49854  
Telephone: (906) 341-2111  
Contact Person: Kevin Swanson

Senate District - 37  
House District - 107  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Mitch Irwin (D)  
Rep. Pat Gagliardi (D)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* The Schoolcraft County Public Transit began its operation in 1980 and provides service to the city of Manistique and the surrounding areas.
- \* School children ride the bus to area schools, and the local co-op nursery uses the system for field trips.
- \* The system is proud of the service it provides to area seniors and handicappers.
- \* The local senior citizens' band uses the Schoolcraft transit system to travel to local senior centers to entertain people.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Sat.-Sun. By appointment

No. of buses: 5  
Lift-equipped: 2

FY 1986 miles: 80,936  
FY 1986 ridership: 27,481

Population served: 8,575  
No. of employees: 6



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## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$101,817

### Funding Sources:

Local 25%  
State 58%  
Federal 17%

# VAN BUREN PUBLIC TRANSIT

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Address: 52059 34th Avenue  
Bangor, MI 49013  
Telephone: (616) 427-7377  
Contact Person: William Olney

Senate District - 22  
House District - 45  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Harry Gast (R)  
Rep. James Middaugh (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

- \* Van Buren Public Transit serves all Van Buren County residents. The system reports to the County Transportation Board.
- \* Van Buren Public Transit contracts with the State to provide transportation for sheltered clients to their work sites.
- \* In honor of the famed wine industry in Van Buren County, Van Buren Public Transit buses are painted with a symbolic purple stripe.

## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

No. of buses: 7  
Lift-equipped: 4

FY 1986 miles: 185,216  
FY 1986 ridership: 48,814

Population served: 66,814  
No. of employees: 12



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## MILLAGE FUNDING

Van Buren features a unique type of local funding for their system. Each local government unit donates funds to operate the transit system in correlation with their per capita ridership.

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible Expenditures: \$206,383

### Funding Sources:

Local	43%
State	44%
Federal	13%

# YATES DIAL-A-RIDE

Address: P.O. Box 227  
Baldwin, MI 49304  
Telephone: (616) 745-7311  
Contact Person: Harrison Wilson

Senate District - 36  
House District - 18  
Representatives Name:  
Sen. Connie Binsfeld (R)  
Rep. Sidney Ouwinga (R)

## SYSTEM PROFILE

\* The Yates' Dial-A-Ride System is sponsored and administered by Yates Township. The system is governed by an eight member advisory board who offers service recommendations and guidance.

\* In 1985 the system received an award signed by the president of Baldwin's Women's Club, the president of Baldwin's Rotary Club, the director of Community Education, and the superintendent of Baldwin Community Schools. This award was in recognition of assistance and community spirit in transporting the Grand Rapids' Symphony Orchestra to the Baldwin Schools.

\* In May of 1987, Mr. Charles Ferrier, senior driver for the system, was awarded the Michigan Department of Transportation's "Heart O' Gold Award" for his outstanding and dedicated service to the people of the Baldwin area!



## SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Days/Hours of Operation:  
M-F 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

No. of buses: 4  
Lift-equipped: 2

FY 1986 miles: 130,475  
FY 1986 ridership: 38,777

Population served: 1,689  
No. of employees: 12

## FINANCIAL DATA

1986 Total Eligible  
Expenditures: \$130,168

### Funding Sources:

Local 42%  
State 43%  
Federal 15%

**HEART O' GOLD AWARDS**

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# MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## "Heart O' Gold" Awards

The Michigan Department of Transportation's Bureau of Urban and Public Transportatin (UPTRAN) established the Heart O'Gold award in April, 1987. This award recognizes "extraordinary public service" by public transit personnel.

The department recognized that drivers, dispatchers and other public transit people on the front line of public service were often performing exceptional service that was too often accepted as routine. Realizing many public transit people, daily, go an "extra mile" to serve their passengers, this award has been presented for a wide range of achievements--including the saving of lives.

The award recipients (20 since April 1987), are nominated by their system managers and selected by the deputy director in charge of UPTRAN. Winners receive a beautiful framed certificate of recognition and a heart-shaped gold pin.

Award winners to date are:

### Clare Knoblock -

Huron Transportation Authority - Clare, a dispatcher, saved a woman's life by following up when a senior rider missed her bus!

### Elizabeth Smith -

Huron Transportatin Authority - Elizabeth, a bus driver, alerted officials when she spotted a mobile home fire, potentially saving lives!

### Thomas Lee Barber -

Cadillac/Wexford Transit Authority - Thomas, a driver, rescued two small children from an automobile accident, possibly saving their lives!

## **Cherie Donnan -**

Oscoda County Public Transit - Cherie, a driver, became revered as a helpful friend by her senior riders for continually going beyond the normal call of duty. Her commitment to service won her this award.

## **Gar Floyd -**

Oscoda County Public Transit - Gar, a driver, willingly and patiently assisted his senior riders, even escorting them into buildings and carrying packages for them. His devotion to his passengers and concern for their health and welfare earned him this award.

## **Thomas Russell -**

Oscoda County Public Transit - Tom, a driver, regularly performed good samaritan deeds according to his riders. His outstanding record of friendly, helpful service earned Tom this award.

## **Mary King -**

Ludington Mass Transit Authority - Mary, a driver, routinely helped and looked after her riders. She cared. She would phone senior passengers who missed their scheduled rides; she took her grade school riders ChristmasCarolling!

## **Harvey Whittle -**

Shiawassee Council on Aging - Harvey, a driver, provided comfort and support for one of his senior riders by staying with her when she was ill until further help arrived. His riders know this is typical of his devotion and commitment.

## **Pete Gilmette -**

Cheboygan County Council on Aging - Pete, a driver, has on record several good samaritan deeds. Once, he drove a distressed senior passenger to her daughter's home and waited with her until her daughter arrived! Pete's riders say he helps them with packages, opens doors, makes repairs, and delivers packages to shut-ins! All in the line of duty to Pete!

## **Donna DeBow Smith -**

Eaton County Transportation Authority - Donna, a local volunteer and member of the system's Advisory Committee, exhibited a commendable spirit of service to her community and its public transit system. Her tireless efforts on their behalf won her this award.

## **Bonnie Biddle -**

Hillsdale Dial-A-Ride - Bonnie, a dispatcher, was endeared by all who knew her and worked with her because of her concern for the riders of the Hillsdale system. For Bonnie, service to the customer is her top priority!

## **Douglas Middleton -**

Antrim County Transportation - Douglas, a driver, saved the life of a senior diabetic woman. Concerned when she did not call for her "usual" ride, Doug went to her home and found her unable to move. Because of his E.M.T. training, he recognized her diabetic symptoms and immediately called an ambulance. Beyond a doubt, he saved her life!

## **Charles Ferrier -**

Yates Dial-A-Ride - Charles, a driver, spotted a forest fire in Yates Township, immediately notified his base station which alerted firefighters! His alertness prevented a potentially disastrous fire that could have endangered lives and property!

## **Henry Tarnacki -**

Cheboygan County Council on Aging - Henry, a driver, is a favorite of riders in the Cheboygan area. He delivers meals to shut-ins, helps with the local senior citizens olympics, and assists his riders whenever and however he can. His warm, good humor wins him friends everywhere and helped him win this award, too!

## **Tim Olson -**

Dickinson/Iron County Community Action Agency - Tim, a driver, personifies "service". He's a frequent and willing volunteer to drive for special senior activities in the area. Tim donates his time and energy to assisting area seniors and handicappers, all of whom were happy to see him win this award.

## **Cecil St. John -**

Menominee-Delta-Schoolcraft Community Action Agency - Cecil, a driver, was nominated for this award by letters from several area Human Service Agencies. Everyone agreed he is a caring man who is very compassionate towards his riders. They told the story of a terrible snow storm that hit the area, and how Cecil waited until 1 a.m. to meet a bus carrying Foster Grandparents. Cecil knew when the bus arrived the seniors would need a way home. He worked nearly all night to be of service!

## **Jernigan Jackson -**

City of Detroit, D.O.T. - Jernigan Jackson, a 16-year veteran driver, spotted a fire in a Detroit apartment building. He raced to the building and alerted all the residents. Five people - three senior citizens, an infant and his mother - all escaped the fire unharmed, thanks to his quick, heroic action!

## **Maggie Howard -**

City of Detroit, D.O.T. - Maggie, a driver, was awarded this honor, posthumously. Maggie Howard gave her life in the line of duty as the result of a tragic traffic accident. The memory of her dedicated and loyal service to her system, her riders and fellow citizens earned her this award.



## **Lee Greenwood -**

City of Detroit, D.O.T. - Lee, a 14-year veteran driver for the Detroit system, makes it a habit to watch over his riders. Lee has assisted his riders and fellow citizens with everything from boarding a bus, to saving their property, to protecting their life! He accepts it all as part of the job but we think he's a real winner!

## **Jane Perkins-**

Capital Area Transportation Authority-Jane, a driver, while operating her bus, noticed that one of her passengers was in extreme pain. Due to Jane's quick action in taking the passenger to a local hospital, the heart attack victim's life was saved.

*Our congratulations are extended to all these outstanding people. They exemplify the high caliber of dedicated individuals who work in Michigan's public transit industry.*

**AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS!**

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