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OHIO LOVES TRANSIT WEEK 2021

Transit is Essential | We Move People

Every segment of Ohio – businesses, communities, individuals and families – benefit from public transportation, an essential service that enhances economic development, insures sustainable lifestyles and a higher quality of life.

Greene CATS Public Transit provided over 84,000 essential rides last year, helping Greene County residents access medical facilities, human service agencies, workplaces including personnel employed at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, educational institutions and retail shopping centers.

GREENE CATS also provides transportation by contract to Medicaid eligible individuals for medical appointments, for those who are developmentally and/or intellectually disabled so they can work in their communities, individuals attending mental health and substance abuse recovery programs, and Greene County veterans who require accessible vehicles to the Dayton VA Medical Center.

In coordination with local senior transportation providers and Greene County Council on Aging, Greene CATS works daily to meet the mobility needs of Ohio's growing senior population in Greene County. Additionally, Greene CATS is currently providing seniors free transportation to their COVID vaccination appointments, in partnership with Greene County Public Health.

Our agency works to ensure all citizens have access to the transportation services they need to remain an active part of the community paying special attention to those who are transportation disadvantaged.

“The pandemic has demonstrated how important transit is to providing essential transportation in their communities and the need to continue advocating for this vital service. In 2021, Greene CATS marked a 20-year milestone of doing just that and we would like to thank all the elected officials and stakeholders who have supported this service throughout the years”, states Ken Collier, Executive Director.

Ohio loves transit and Ohio needs transit... now, more than ever.

Transit helps to drive our economy, with statistics showing that every \$1 invested in public transit generates \$4 in economic return. Whether getting to area shopping centers, local airports, libraries, parks, bike trails, or countless other destinations—transit will get you there. These are just a few of the reasons why Ohio’s lawmakers are committed to continuing to support public transit.

From February 7th through the 14th, Greene CATS Public Transit will celebrate the fourth annual **Ohio Loves Transit Week**. During the week, we will also ask riders to share why they support public transit and why our state and federal leaders should too.

Ohio Loves Transit Week is hosted by our partner, the Ohio Public Transit Association (OPTA).

OPTA is the primary advocate for public transportation in Ohio. Now over 500 members strong from 68 transit agencies across the state, the association provides leadership, resources, training, support, technical assistance, media outreach, public engagement, and governmental relations services to public and private transit agencies.

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