

Transportation Department

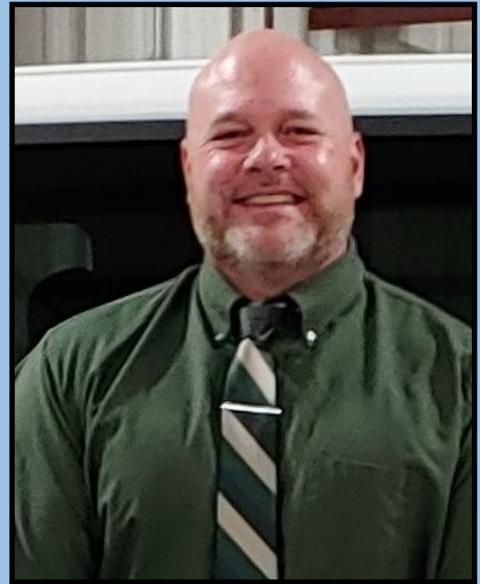
The Wilmington Transit System (WTS) continues to be a highly valued asset of the City and the citizens of our community. Through the federally funded Cares Act Stimulus Bill, Wilmington Transit System has been approved to receive eight replacement vehicles. Four will be Dodge MMV's (Modified Mins Vans) and four will be full-size Ford Transit vehicles to continue service for our riders. All eight vehicles will be granted to City at 100%, with no local cost for all eight vehicles.

Ridership for the calendar year 2020 is down approximately 25% due to the Corona pandemic. We did have an increase of over 2,000 rides provided to area Elderly and Disabled riders. Our main goals are to maintain fares at the same level while making safety the highest priority for our passengers. Equally important is our striving to keep Wilmington's matching funds contribution at the lowest possible level.

Many seniors, people with disabilities and the underprivileged, rely on this service to help them maintain their independence and quality of life, using the service for medical appointments, food shopping, work transportation, etc. Wilmington Transit System also benefits from an Elderly and Disabled Grant program that is awarded on a yearly basis.

Vehicle maintenance is critical to maintain a safe and efficient service to our many riders. As required by ODOT, we will remain current with the turn in mileage of 150,000 which also reduces maintenance and fuel cost. Our part-time staff member who concentrates on the cleanliness and sanitizing of our vehicles helps create a more pleasurable and safe riding experience for our passengers. We want to ensure that local taxpayers are aware of the pride we have in our Transit and how we are striving to take the best possible care of our vehicles.

Our Transit employees are to be commended for their continued dedication to WTS riders, with exceptional customer service. We thank all our employees for their service and commitment to the Transit System!



Larry Dale Bennington, Director

