

Public Transit

Public transportation is vital to the region's transportation system, offering affordable transportation for those unable to use or do not have access to private transportation. It provides an important service for seniors, youth, the economically disadvantaged, and the disabled populations in our community. Public transportation also provides an economical and environmentally friendlier alternative to the personal vehicle.

KYOVA coordinates with the three (3) public transit operators in our region: Tri-State Transit Authority of West Virginia, the Ashland Bus System (ABS) of Kentucky, and the Lawrence County Transit of Ohio to review trends and discuss future opportunities for public transit. Two studies are underway, one in Boyd and Greenup counties, Kentucky and the other for Cabell and Wayne counties, West Virginia that will evaluate the current transit systems and recommend best steps in moving forward to meet the needs of users in a cost effective manner. Additionally, the studies hope to take a more comprehensive and long-range look at future capabilities and technologies that optimize and expand transit service. Feasible, cost-effective means to increase transit service and ridership that are identified may then be prioritized and programmed for funding through the MPO Planning Process and Transportation Improvement Program. Additionally, KYOVA has worked closely with TTA, ABS and LCT to identify, fund and help address ADA issues.

The information is a brief summary of the transit agencies that operate in the Huntington, WV-KY-OH TMA.

Tri-State Transit Authority (TTA) -

TTA is the Tri-State Transit Authority, which provides bus service in the Huntington, West Virginia and Ironton, Ohio urban area. Ashland, Kentucky, which is serviced by the Ashland Bus System (ABS), has limited TTA service to and from Ironton, Ohio. Please follow the link for schedules, news and fare information: <http://www.tta-wv.com/>

Ashland Bus System (ABS)

The City of Ashland Bus System (ABS) provides friendly, convenient and affordable services to all passengers. All of vehicles are handicapped accessible and several of their full-size buses also provide bicycle racks for your traveling convenience. ABS offers five routes throughout Ashland and adjoining areas. Service extends throughout Ashland, Catlettsburg and Summitt. ABS office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please follow the link for schedules, news and fare information: http://www.ashlandky.gov/departments/public_works/ashland_bus_system.php

Lawrence County Transit – 223 South 2nd Street, Ironton, Ohio 45638

It is the mission of Lawrence County Transit System to provide safe, reliable, affordable and convenient transportation to all residents of Lawrence County, Ohio regardless of race, age, income or disability. Please follow the link to access detailed route information, fares, and services provided: <http://lawrencecountytransit.com>.

Paratransit and Demand Response

Paratransit and Demand Response services is an alternative form of transportation provided by agencies to address the needs of those not able to ride the traditional bus or need transportation services due to medical or physical disabilities. All three of the transit providers in the Huntington, WV-KY-OH TMA offer some type of service. The information below is a summary of each. Please visit their website for detailed information.

Tri-State Transit Authority

TTA has eight (8) paratransit vans which are all accessible and offers paratransit services to individuals with disabilities who are unable to use the fixed route system. For more information please visit TTAs website at: <http://www.tta-wv.com/dial-a-ride>.

Ashland Bus System (ABS)

The ABS offers Paratransit services to those who are unable to ride the fixed route service. Paratransit is a curb to curb ride sharing service where clients schedule rides in advance. For more information about the Paratransit service contact them by phone: 606-327-2025 (TDD: 606-327-2097) or by e-mail: ashlandbus@ashlandky.org or at their website: http://www.ashlandky.gov/departments/public_works/paratransit_service.php

Lawrence County Transit (LCT)

LCT offers curb to curb service for those unable to ride the fixed route service. Certain eligibility requirements must be met. For more information contact LCT at 740-894-7430 or 740-532-2269 or visit their website at: <http://lawrencecountytransit.com/index.php/curb-to-curb-service>

Benefits of Public Transportation

Public transportation benefits all segments of society and plays a significant part in our lives. It provides a better quality of life for all. For those who use public transportation it is a lifeline and for those that don't, it still is beneficial by reducing emissions and improving our environment in the Huntington, WV-KY-OH TMA, public transportation mainly includes bus and paratransit but there are many other modes utilized nationally.

Modes of Transportation	Public Transportation is Crucial	Public Transportation and the Economy
✓ Bus	✓ Public transportation provides personal mobility and freedom for people from every walk of life	✓ Every \$1 invested in public transportation generates approximately \$4 in economic returns
✓ Light Rail		
✓ Van Pool		✓ Every \$1 billion invested in public transportation supports and creates more than 50,000 jobs
✓ Monorail		
✓ Commuter Train	✓ Access to public transportation provides options to get to work, go to school, visit friends, or go to a doctor's office	✓ Every \$10 million in capital investment in public transportation yields \$30 million in increased business sales
✓ Streetcar		
✓ Cable Car		✓ Public Transportation provides access to job opportunities for thousands in our community
✓ Paratransit		
✓ Ferry		
✓ Water Taxi		
✓ Monorail		
✓ Subway		

Source: American Public Transportation Association

Additional Transit Links

Federal Transit Administration: <http://www.fta.dot.gov/index.html>

FTA Region 3 (West Virginia): <http://www.fta.dot.gov/about/region3.html>

FTA Region 4 (Kentucky): <http://www.fta.dot.gov/about/region4.html>

FTA Region 5 (Ohio): <http://www.fta.dot.gov/about/region5.html>

West Virginia Division of Public Transit: <http://www.transportation.wv.gov/publictransit/Pages/default.aspx>

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet – Office of Transportation Delivery: <http://transportation.ky.gov/Transportation-Delivery/Pages/default.aspx>

Ohio Transit: <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/divisions/Planning/transit/Pages/default.aspx>