
**BAYFIELD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

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RE: October 7, 2020 Transportation Coordinating Committee Meeting

Dear Committee Members:

Please be advised that the next Transportation Coordinating Committee Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 7, 2020 3:30pm – 5pm via Microsoft Teams.**

Notice is hereby given, in the event the standing committee does not have a quorum, the County Board Chair or Vice Chair may act as an ex officio member (County ordinance, Chapter 3, section 2-3-1 (c)).

Any person planning to attend who, because of a disability, requires special accommodations, should contact the Department of Human Services at 715-373-6144, at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting time, so appropriate arrangements can be made.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Review current transportation services in Bayfield
 - A. Are there any services that are not listed? Is there other information that would be helpful to include on this list?
 - B. Where are the gaps and opportunities in current services? What barriers exist for people navigating these transportation options?
 - C. How may it be helpful to present and use this information?

3. Process Map
 - A. Review and finalize goals
 - B. Review and finalize who should be included in this process
 - C. Next steps and next meeting date

4. Motion to Adjourn

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Jenise Swartley
Facilitator of Community Care Networks at CORE Community Resources

c: Bayfield County DHS Transportation Coordinating Committee Members

Bayfield County Transportation Services

Public Transportation

Red Cliff Transit

Service Area: The Red Cliff Transit is a public transportation service offering rides to anyone needing transportation within the Red Cliff/Bayfield area, including the BART bus stop.

Price: \$1 to go anywhere

Hours:

Monday-Friday: 6:30 AM - 11:30 AM; 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Saturday: 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Details: Handicap Accessible

Bay Area Rural Transit

Route 1 & 2

Service Area: These two buses run from the Bad River Reservation through Ashland, Washburn, Bayfield, to the Red Cliff Reservation and back. This service can also provide transfers to and from Mellen, Ashland City and the Blue Goose buses; riders can also connect to Red Cliff's and Bad River's transit systems.

Price: See table

Hours: Monday to Friday 6:45 AM - 6:30 PM at two hour intervals

Details: All BART buses are equipped with wheelchair lifts. Riders needing special help are encouraged to call

682-9664 within 24 hours of your trip so we may assist with your special needs.

Routes: http://www.bartbus.com/uploads/5/2/9/5/5295710/route_1_2_brochure.pdf

Route 3 - Saturday

Service Area: The Route 3 bus runs on Saturdays and provides service from Ashland through Washburn, Bayfield to Red Cliff. Transfers are available to and from the Red Cliff bus and the Saturday Ashland City Bus, contact the dispatcher for details.

Price: See table

Hours: Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM

Details: All BART buses are equipped with wheelchair lifts. Riders needing special help are encouraged to call 682-9664 within 24 hours of your trip so we may assist with.

Routes: http://www.bartbus.com/uploads/5/2/9/5/5295710/route_3_brochure.pdf

Cash Fare Table

Zone Fares	Adult	E/H **	Youth *
Within a Zone	\$ 1.50	\$ 0.75	\$ 1.25
2 Zones	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.50
3 Zones	\$ 2.75	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.75
4 Zones	\$ 3.50	\$ 1.75	\$ 2.50

Volume Pass Rate

Volume Pass	Value	Price
Based on rider fares (does not expire)	\$ 20.00	\$ 18.00

Monthly Pass Rate

Monthly Passes	Adult	E/H **	Youth *
2 Zones	\$ 38.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 29.00
3 Zones	\$ 55.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 39.00
4 Zones	\$ 68.00	\$ 49.00	\$ 52.00

** Senior age 60+ and/or disabled (with eligibility card)
* Youth (age 6 Through 17)
Children under 6 free, (must be accompanied by adult)

ROUTES 1 & 2 ZONE MAP



ZONE BOUNDARIES

- ZONE A: Red Cliff to the North/Onion River to the South.
- ZONE B: Onion River to the North/Nolander Rd to the South
- ZONE C: Nolander Rd. to the North/Bear Trap Rd. to the East

Route 4 - Washburn Blue Goose

Service Area: The “Blue Goose” provides door-to-door service around the Washburn Area. Usually a 15 minute notice is all we need, but to avoid any scheduling problems try to call 715-682-9664 as far in advance as possible. Transfers to BART Route 1 & 2 are available.

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:45 AM to 4:15 PM

Price: See table

Details: The Blue Good and all BART buses are equipped with wheelchair lifts. Riders needing special help are encouraged to call 682-9664 within 24 hours of your trip so we may assist with your special needs.

Routes: http://www.bartbus.com/uploads/5/2/9/5/5295710/route_4_brochure.pdf

Blue Goose	Adult	E/H	Youth
Washburn Area	\$1.50	\$0.75	\$1.25
<i>With Transfer</i>			
<i>To Ashland, Bayfield, or Redcliff</i>	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$1.50
<i>To Odanah</i>	\$2.75	\$1.25	\$1.75

Namekagon Transit

A small bus operated by Namekagon Transit provides weekly service on Tuesdays from the Barnes, Drummond and Cable communities to Hayward. Reservations are not required but are helpful; there is a nominal fee charged for this service.

Website: <https://www.namekagontransit.com/>

Iron River to Ashland Route

A mini-van provides group trips each Friday from the Iron River area to Ashland. Reservations are required and there is a nominal fee charged for this service.

Transportation for Medicaid recipients:

As the state of Wisconsin’s non-emergency [medical transportation](#) (NEMT) manager, MTM, Inc. arranges transportation for eligible Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus members throughout the state to their covered preventative and life-sustaining medical appointments.

Call in advance for a reservation.

Non-Emergent Transportation-Phone: 866-907-1493

Website: <https://www.mtm-inc.net/Wisconsin/>

Private and Nonprofit Transportation Services

North Country Independent Living

Service Area: Provides transportation vouchers for people with disabilities who live in the North Country’s eight-county region, in areas not served by public transportation and do not have adequate access to transportation and have income at or below 200% of Federal Poverty Level (\$25,519 for an individual in 2020). Contact Transportation Coordinator Sunshine Lemieux at 800-924-1220 V/TTY, Extension 124 or at sunshine@northcountryil.org.

Ashland Drives

Service Area: Ashland Drives will serve anywhere in Bayfield County and can go wherever someone needs to go; rates will reflect the mileage.

Price: Rate per mile for outside of Ashland is \$2.00 per mile. Recommendation is to call and obtain a quote. Senior, military, and veteran discounts available.

Hours:

Sunday through Thursday 9am-midnight

Friday and Saturday 9am-2am

Details: Not sure if they are handicap accessible

Bay Mobility

Service Area: Door-to-door service serving Bayfield, Ashland, Iron and Douglas Counties.

Price: Call for rates (715-718-6688)

Details: We accommodate standard and electric wheelchairs as well as folks who are independent with their mobility.

Pathways Transport

Service Area: Northwestern Wisconsin and Northeastern Minnesota. Our available pickup points-of-origin are to or from Douglas, Bayfield, Ashland, Iron, and Sawyer Counties in Wisconsin. Pickup points-of-origin in Minnesota are St. Louis or Carlton Counties. Drop-off points are anywhere in the nation.

Price: Call for rates (715-682-9664)

Hours: Transit services are available on a demand response basis. Call 24 in advance of desired reservation. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Details: All Pathways Transport vehicles are **HSV inspected, handicapped-accessible, commercially insured, and professionally equipped**. In addition, our vehicles are **state-inspected and -certified** for your safety and comfort.

Volunteer Driver Programs

Bayfield County (currently suspended)

Rides can be provided for non-emergency appointments to people over the age of 60 or disabled individuals who have no other access to transportation. Prior authorization is required, and there is a copayment charged for this service.

CORE Community Resources (currently suspended)

Service Area: We serve people over 55 in Washburn, Bayfield, Red Cliff, and Cornucopia.

Price: Free

Details: Call us at 715-779-3457 to schedule a ride. Our volunteers usually do not have handicap accessible vehicles. Although this is currently suspended, we have volunteers who can run errands and grocery shop for them.

Process Map - Notes from First Meeting

Goals of this Committee:

- Identify gaps and opportunities in current transportation services
- Make information regarding transportation services more accessible and easier to navigate for everyone
- Increase communication and collaboration between transportation providers
- Identify ways to expand transportation services
- Identify possible funding sources
- Raise awareness about transportation needs

Who needs to be included in this process:

- BART Mobility Manager
- Red Cliff transportation services
- Public input and feedback required - what does this look like?

After we make recommendations, then what?

- Recommendations go to health and human services board and then up to county board
- Do they need to go through an approval process with Red Cliff? TBD

Next Steps:

1. Learn more - meet with Shari and review survey results
2. Identify needs of rural communities within the county
3. Reduce barriers by utilizing the mobility manager to make people feel more comfortable using the bus
4. Public education through organizations that work with people who are transportation insecure