

# Division of Public Transit



*West Virginians and visitors to our state depend on Public Transportation every day- for work, business, recreation, shopping, and access to education or medical services. It enriches communities by providing safe, affordable transportation and is important to the economic vitality of the state. Many elderly or disabled citizens rely on Public Transportation which allows them to stay in their own homes and communities. By using Public Transportation, people can help reduce traffic congestion, help the environment, and save money.*

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Susan O'Connell, Director



Ms. O'Connell has been an employee of the State of West Virginia for over 30 years and has been the director of the Division of Public Transit since the fall of 1982. Ms. O'Connell is a member of the Standing Committee on Public Transportation, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and the Multi-State Technical Assistance Project. She is a past member of the Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) National Review Board. During her tenure as Director, the Division has received the American Public Transit Association's Government Agency Transit Achievement Award, the Federal Transit Administrator's Award for Excellence in State Management, and the National Rural Transit Assistance Program Review Board's Outstanding Achievement Award. She is the Chairperson of the West Virginia Transportation Coordinating Council and is a graduate of Concord University. She resides with her husband in Kanawha County and has a married daughter.

## REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

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### Grant Program Descriptions

#### Urbanized Formula Program- 49 U.S.C. Section 5307

This formula program provides operations and capital assistance to the State's urbanized areas of Charleston- Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority (KRT); Huntington- The Transit Authority (TTA); Parkersburg- Mid-Ohio Valley Transit Authority (Easy Rider); Wheeling- Ohio Valley Regional Transportation Authority (OVRTA); Weirton- Weirton Transit Corporation; Martinsburg- Eastern Panhandle Transit Authority (EPTA); Morgantown- Monongalia County Urban Mass Transit Authority (Mountain Line Transit). Recipients under this program receive their funding directly from the Federal Transit Administration.

#### Elderly Persons /Persons with Disabilities Program- 49 U.S.C. Section 5310

This program provides formula assistance for the special needs of elderly individuals with disabilities through an annual competitive grant application process.

#### Non-urbanized Area Formula Program- 49 U.S.C. Section 5311

This program offers federal financial assistance for public transportation in non-urbanized areas (having a population of 50,000 or less) by means of a formula grant program to be administered by the State. It also provides funding for the Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) which is 100% federally funded.

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Public transit programs funded under this program are: Barbour County Senior Citizens Center d.b.a. Here and There Transit (Barbour County); Bluefield Area Transit (Bluefield Princeton in Mercer County and Welch in McDowell County); Central West Virginia Transit Authority (Harrison County); Committee on Aging for Randolph County, Inc. d.b.a. Country Roads Transit (Randolph and Upshur Counties); Fairmont- Marion County Transit Authority; Little Kanawha Transit Authority (Calhoun, Jackson and Roane Counties); Mountain Transit Authority (Fayette, Greenbrier, Nicholas, and Webster Counties); Potomac Valley Transit Authority (Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, and Pendleton Counties); Preston County Senior Citizens, Inc. d.b.a. Buckwheat Express (Preston County) TriRiver Transit Authority (Boone, Lincoln, Logan and Mingo Counties); and, Wayne County Community Services Organization, Inc. d.b.a. Wayne X-Press (Wayne County).

Job Access and Reverse Commute Program (JARC) - 49 U.S.C. Section 5316

This program provides funding to develop transportation services for welfare recipients and low income individuals to and from jobs, and to develop transportation services from urban centers to suburban employment opportunities.

New Freedom – 49 U.S.C. Section 5317

This program supports new public transportation services and public transportation alternatives beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

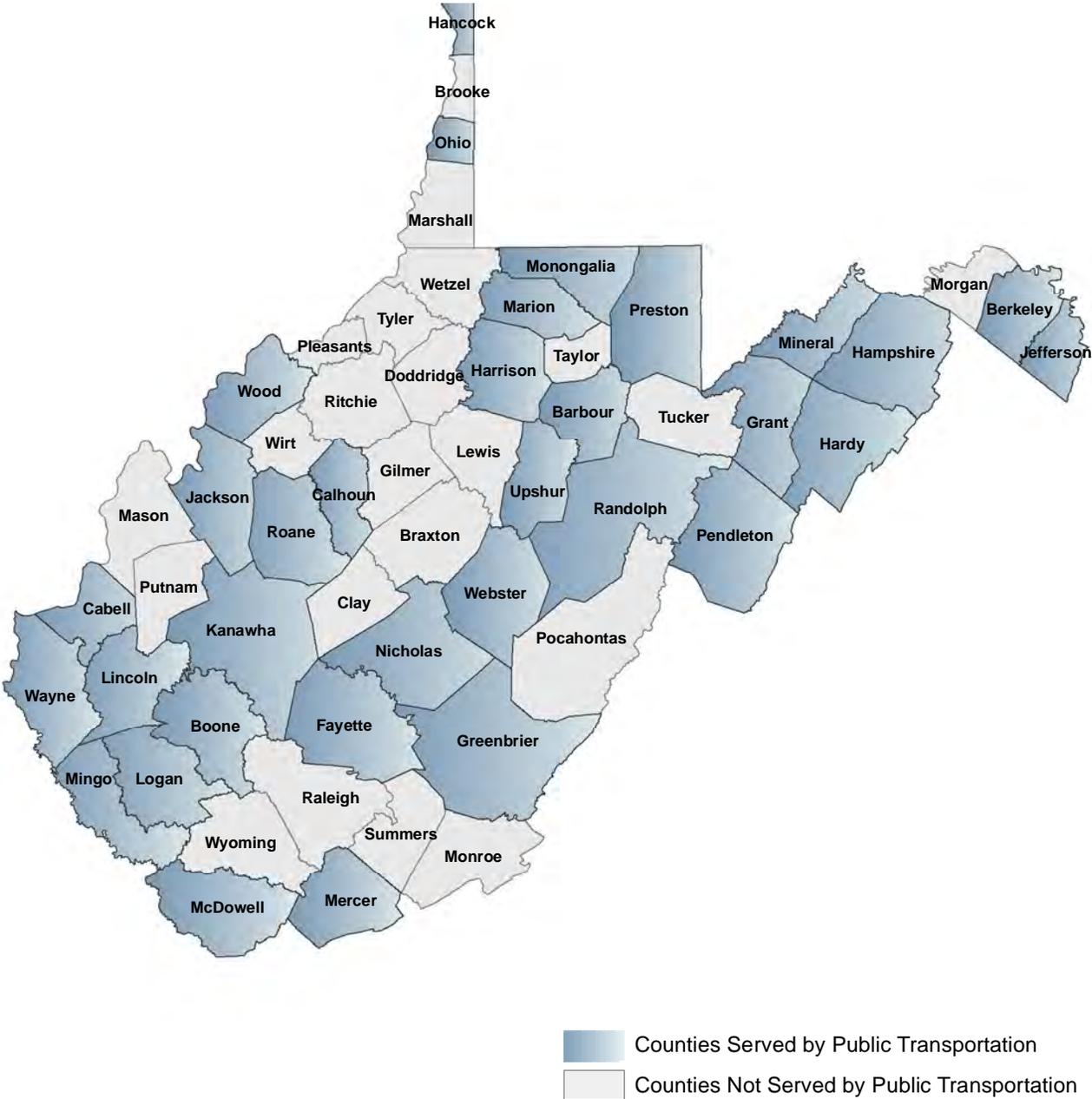


## HISTORY

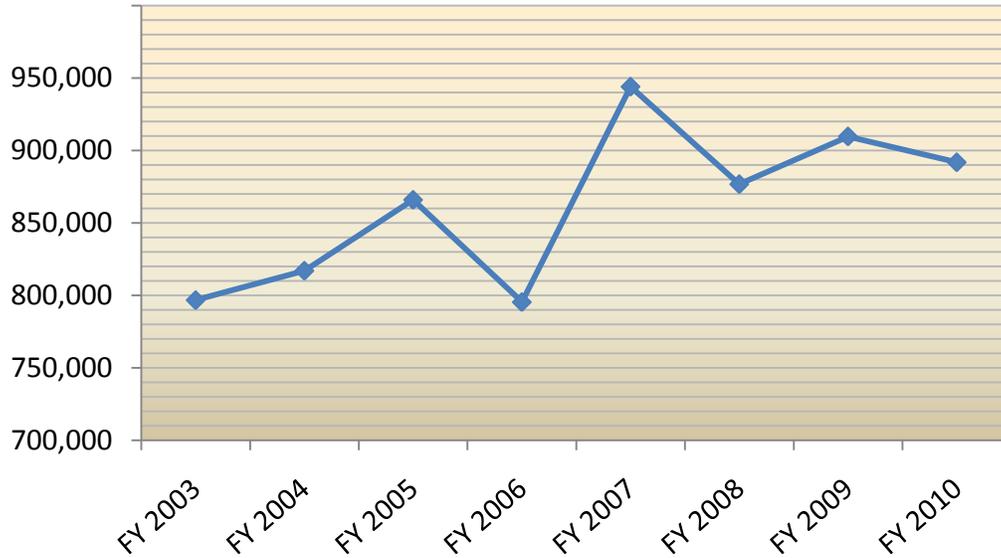
The administration of the State's public transportation programs originated in the Department of Welfare in the early 1970s. Starting in July 1977, responsibilities for public transportation programs were housed within the Governor's Office of Economic and Community Development. In 1978, the Division was transferred to the Department of Finance and Administration where it remained until July 1, 1991, when it became part of the West Virginia Department of Transportation.

In March 1992, the West Virginia Legislature passed Senate Bill 512, which created by code the West Virginia Division of Public Transit. The bill was signed into law on March 27, 1992, by Governor Gaston Caperton. Today, the Division is one of the eight agencies which operate under the West Virginia Department of Transportation. Past Directors of the Division have included Edward Madison, Ed Mason, Rodney Jenkins, and Judith M. Coss. Susan O'Connell has been the Director since September 1982.

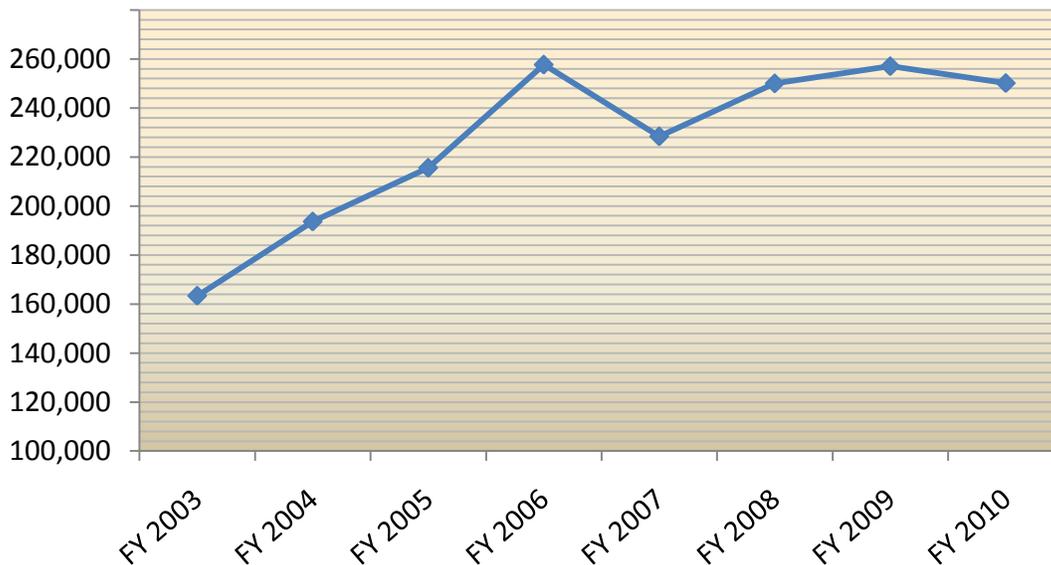
## Counties Served by Public Transportation 2011



## Elderly One Way Passenger Trips By Fiscal Year (July 1 – June 30)



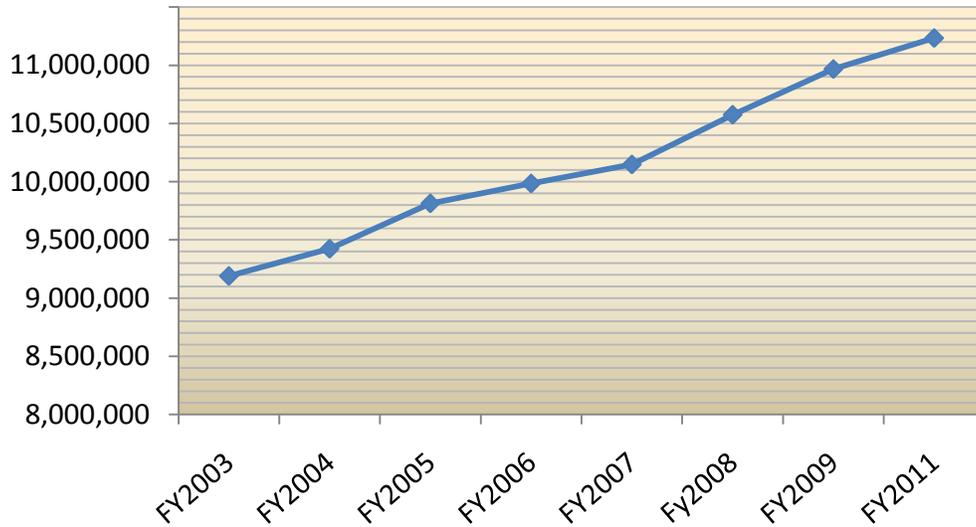
## Persons with Disabilities One Way Passenger Trips By Fiscal Year (July 1 – June 30)



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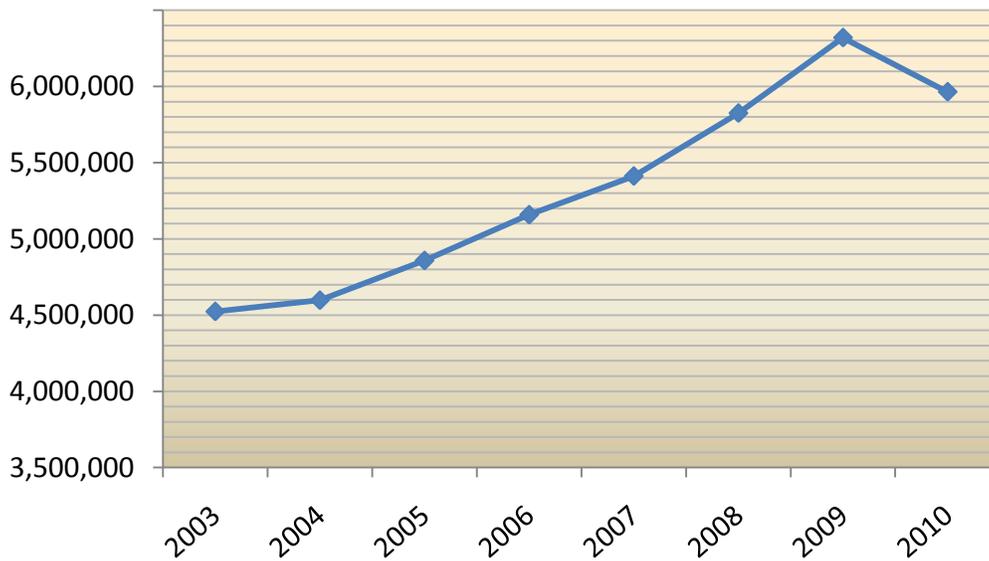
## Total Vehicle Miles

By Fiscal Year (July 1 – June 30)



## Total One Way Passenger Trips

By Fiscal Year (July 1 – June 30)



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Transit	Service	Website	E-mail
Bluefield Area Transit	Bluefield/Princeton	<a href="http://www.ridethebatbus.com">www.ridethebatbus.com</a>	<a href="mailto:info@ridethebatbus.com">info@ridethebatbus.com</a>
Buckwheat Express (operated by Preston Co. Senior Citizens, Inc.)	Preston County	<a href="http://www.buckwheatexpress.com">www.buckwheatexpress.com</a>	<a href="mailto:prestonseniors@atlanticbb.net">prestonseniors@atlanticbb.net</a>
Central West Virginia Transit Authority	Harrison County	<a href="http://www.centrabus.com">www.centrabus.com</a>	<a href="mailto:info@centrabus.com">info@centrabus.com</a>
Country Roads Transit	Randolph and Upshur Counties	<a href="http://www.countryroadstransit.com">www.countryroadstransit.com</a>	<a href="mailto:admin@countryroadstransit.com">admin@countryroadstransit.com</a>
Eastern Panhandle Transit Authority	Berkeley and Jefferson Counties	<a href="http://www.pantran.com">www.pantran.com</a>	<a href="mailto:epa@pantran.com">epa@pantran.com</a>
Fairmont-Marion County Transit Authority	Marion County	<a href="http://www.fmcta.com">www.fmcta.com</a>	<a href="mailto:fmcta@wvdsi.net">fmcta@wvdsi.net</a>
Here and There Transit	Barbour County	<a href="http://www.hereandtheretransit.com">www.hereandtheretransit.com</a>	<a href="mailto:bcsc@bcnetmail.org">bcsc@bcnetmail.org</a>
Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority	Kanawha County	<a href="http://www.rideonkrt.com">www.rideonkrt.com</a>	<a href="http://www.rideonkrt.com/site/contact-us.html">http://www.rideonkrt.com/site/contact-us.html</a>
Little Kanawha Transit Authority, dba Little Kanawha Bus	Calhoun, Jackson, and Roane Counties	<a href="http://www.littlekanawhabus.com">www.littlekanawhabus.com</a>	<a href="mailto:lkbc@frontiernet.net">lkbc@frontiernet.net</a>
Mid-Ohio Valley Transit Authority	Parkersburg/Vienna area	<a href="http://www.easyriderbus.com">www.easyriderbus.com</a>	<a href="mailto:movta@live.com">movta@live.com</a>
Mountain Line Transit, Monongalia Co. Urban Mass Transit Authority	Monongalia County	<a href="http://www.busrider.org">www.busrider.org</a>	<a href="http://app.perfectforms.com/player.htm?f=sd-AAgmJ">http://app.perfectforms.com/player.htm?f=sd-AAgmJ</a>
Mountain Transit Authority	Fayette, Greenbrier, Nicholas, and Webster Counties	<a href="http://www.mtawv.com">www.mtawv.com</a>	<a href="mailto:mta68@hotmail.org">mta68@hotmail.org</a>
Ohio Valley Regional Transit Authority	Ohio County	<a href="http://www.ovrta.org">www.ovrta.org</a>	<a href="http://www.ovrta.org/contactus.htm">www.ovrta.org/contactus.htm</a>
Potomac Valley Transit Authority	Grant, Hardy, Hampshire, Mineral, and Pendleton Counties	<a href="http://www.potomacvalleytransit.org">www.potomacvalleytransit.org</a>	<a href="mailto:moreinfo@potomacvalleytransit.org">moreinfo@potomacvalleytransit.org</a>
Tri River Transit	Lincoln, Logan, Boone, and Mingo Counties	<a href="http://www.tririver.org">www.tririver.org</a>	<a href="mailto:tririvertransit@zoominternet.net">tririvertransit@zoominternet.net</a>
Tri-State Transit Authority	Greater Huntington area, Milton, and Barboursville	<a href="http://www.tta-wv.com">www.tta-wv.com</a>	<a href="mailto:tta@tta-wv.com">tta@tta-wv.com</a>
Wayne X-Press (operated by Wayne Co. Community Service Organization)	Wayne County	<a href="http://www.waynexpress.com">www.waynexpress.com</a>	<a href="mailto:waynexpress@wccso.org">waynexpress@wccso.org</a>
Weirton Transit Corporation	City of Weirton		<a href="mailto:transit@cityofweirton.com">transit@cityofweirton.com</a>