

OATS Transit proudly partners with the City of Warrensburg to provide two distinct transportation options to citizens and visitors to Warrensburg.

Our long-standing partnership has provided transportation on the OLD DRUM for many years and for the past five years, we have also offered a door-to-door transportation option for those who are not within walking distance of the route or who need a higher level of support for their transportation needs. The door-to-door service has grown from one bus to as many as four buses on some days, depending upon the needs of the community.

On any given day, even during the pandemic lockdowns, you could spot the OATS buses taking residents to vital, life saving medical and dialysis appointments and for shopping and business needs. We have also proudly offered free transportation to anyone requesting a ride for a Covid vaccination to try to help our friends and neighbors in returning to a life that is more reflective of pre-Covid activities.

Our total cost for providing services for the community include approximately \$70,000 per year for the operation of the OLD DRUM bus plus and additional \$33 dollars per hour for the buses that are providing the door-to-door services. We do not anticipate a fare increase for the residents for the upcoming year and we humbly request that that City of Warrensburg continue to fund this program at a level of \$15,000 per year.

Respectfully Submitted

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