

## **TRUMAN AREA TRANSPORTATION SERVICE BRIEF HISTORY 1994-2016**

In 1994, realizing the need for people, who had no means of transportation, to be able to move about in their daily lives, Lamar Community Betterment, the City of

Lamar and Barton County Memorial Hospital joined forces to make transportation available to the general public. The transit service was started as a Community Betterment (CB) project to be located in the Lamar Police Department.

In January 2016 T.A.T.S moved into a new location in Memorial Hall (1102A Broadway) . T.A.T.S. is located in the office between the fire truck bays, some may remember this as the old City Tax Collection Office.

Providing public transportation benefits the community as a whole. Mobility allows individuals to remain independent in their own homes and supports the local economy in several areas. T.A.T.S. allows access to jobs, education and nutrition. Citizens may also shop, visit friends and attend to their own medical needs.

For the past twenty two years, Truman Area Transportation Service (T.A.T.S.) has provided safe, reliable transportation to the citizens of Lamar and Barton County. In 2016 ridership continued as in years past, operating at or near full capacity with 25,630 rides. Consistently the service provided an average of 2000 rides per month. One hundred rides per day was average. This translates into a new rider every six minutes. In the last year T.A.T.S. logged over 54,000 miles or 215 miles per day. This is proof the citizens of Lamar have a continued need for public transit.

The service provides rides to anyone who needs one for an affordable price. The two groups of Lamar citizens who need public transit the most are senior citizens and handicapped individuals. Senior citizens over sixty and the disabled may ride at a reduced fare of \$2.00 per stop. Regular fare rides for citizens under sixty, who are not disabled cost \$4.00 per stop. Disabled citizens must provide proof of their disability through current Social Security Administration paperwork or a statement signed by their physician. All rides are subsidized by federal, state and local funds. Grants require an investment from the community. Contributions are always welcome. We encourage support and input from everyone in the community to keep our vital services available to everyone in need. You never know when you may be the one needing that ride.

**T.A.T.S.**  
**SERVING THE**  
**CITIZENS OF LAMAR**  
**AND BARTON COUNTY**  
**417-682-5542**



**Visit us on the Web at**

**[cityoflamar.org](http://cityoflamar.org)**

**Email: [tats@lamarmo.org](mailto:tats@lamarmo.org)**

**T.A.T.S. Hours**  
**MONDAY—FRIDAY**  
**6:30 AM TO 5:00 PM**  
**1102A BROADWAY**  
**LAMAR, MO 64759**

## COST OF RIDES

EVERYONE MUST PAY AT THE  
BEGINNING OF EACH TRIP.

RIDER CARDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR  
PURCHASE (10 RIDES PER CARD).

### REGULAR FARE RIDES

**\$3.00 EACH STOP**

### DISABLED & SENIOR CITIZENS

**\$ 1.00 EACH STOP**

(DISABLED RIDERS MUST SHOW  
PROOF OF DISABILITY)

Disabled riders under 18 or  
riders with severe disabilities are  
encouraged to have a  
Caregiver ride along.

### \*CAREGIVERS RIDE FREE with

Disabled and Senior Riders  
that are in need of assistance.

### CHILDREN WITH AN ADULT RIDE FOR FREE (16 OR UNDER)

\*MEDICAL TRIPS FOR  
DISABLED AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS ARE PROVIDED  
COUNTY WIDE. RIDER MUST  
GIVE 24 HOUR NOTICE!

ALL OTHER RIDES ARE PROVIDED  
WITHIN A THREE MILE RADIUS OF  
LAMAR.

\*RIDES ARE PROVIDED FOR  
MEDICAL, EMPLOYMENT,  
NUTRITIONAL, EDUCATIONAL,  
SHOPPING AND SOCIAL NEEDS.

## ADA COMPLIANCE

If you have a complaint about the  
accessibility of TATS or

If you feel you have been discriminated  
against because of your disability you can  
file a complaint.

You may download and use our  
ADA COMPLAINT FORM

at [cityoflamar.org](http://cityoflamar.org) or request a copy in  
writing or call us 417-682-5554

Passengers with disabilities may  
request modifications to current  
service procedures in order to access the  
service. To make a request, please call us  
at 417-682-5542 or email us at  
[tats@cityoflamar.org](mailto:tats@cityoflamar.org)

Please submit requests at least the day  
before the trip if possible.

### \*SERVICE ANIMALS

ARE PERMITTED BUT MUST REMAIN  
UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE OWNER AT  
ALL TIMES.

\*NECESSARY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT  
MUST BE SECURED WHILE IN THE VEHICLE.  
(OXYGEN CANISTERS, RESPIRATORS ETC.)

### RIDES ARE LIMITED TO 2 ROUND TRIPS

OR 4 ONE WAY TRIPS PER DAY

\*SEATBELTS ARE REQUIRED!

\*NO EATING & DRINKS MUST HAVE LIDS

\*RIDES MAY BE REFUSED FOR EXTREME  
INTOXICATION, ODORS OFFENSIVE TO OTHERS  
OR DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR.

## Notifying the Public of

### Rights Under Title VI

### Truman Area Transportation Service

T.A.T.S. operates its programs and  
services without regard to race,  
color and national origin in  
accordance with Title VI of the  
Civil Rights Act.

Any person who believes he or she  
has been aggrieved by any  
unlawful, discriminatory  
practice under Title VI  
may file a complaint with the  
City of Lamar, MO.

For more information on the City of  
Lamar's civil rights program, and  
the procedures to file a complaint  
with the City Clerk. Contact 417-  
682-5554. You may also contact us  
by mail or visit our offices at 1104  
Broadway, Lamar, MO 64759.

Or contact us by e-mail at  
[cityclerk@cityoflamar.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityoflamar.org)

If information is needed in  
another language, contact

417-682-5554.