

### MADISON COUNTY CITIZENS SERVICES AGENCY

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January 31, 2017

Mr. Trey Baxter, President
Madison County Board of Supervisors
District 2
P.O. Box 608
Canton, MS 39046

Dear Mr. Baxter:

Thank you for your continuous support and assistance. On behalf of the citizens of Madison County, Madison County Citizens Services Agency (MCCSA) would like to apply for continued funding for general public transportation services through MDOT. Please find attached an Abstract/Summary of our MDOT Proposal, a Notification of Intent to Apply and MCCSA Transit Information. Please complete, sign and return the Notification of Intent to Apply Form by Friday, February 10, 2017.

Thank you for your attention and assistance. Please call Annie Jackson or myself at 601.391.1993, if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Mary Sims-Johnson, MSW, LCSW

Executive Director of MCCSA

**Enclosures** 

# NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC OR PRIVATE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN NON-URBANIZED AREA

Applicant Organization: Madison County Citizens Services Agency							
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1005 W. Peace Street P.O. Box 1358 Canton, MS 39046 Street Address or P. O. Box; City; State; Zip Code  Dr. Mary Sims-Johnson, MSW, LCSW (601) 391.1993							
				Name of Contact Person;	Telephone		
I have been afforded the opportunity to review the transportation service proposal of the above named organization. Based on the review: (check one)  I do believe that this type of service is needed at this time.  I do not believe that this type of service is needed at this time.							
				Comments:			
Reviewer:							
Signature	Title		Date				
Name of Organization							
Address	City	State	Zip Code				
Telephone Number							

NOTE: Notification of Intent to Apply for Federal Assistance must be submitted to the city and county elected officials of all counties served. A copy of responses must be included with the application package. The applicant must include a list of all city, and county elected officials sent Notice of Intent to Apply.

### **Project Summary/Abstract**

Please summarize the proposed project by providing at least the following information: applicant name, type of organization, total cost (including federal 5311 share requested), service area, type of services, hours of operation, number of vehicles operated, number of proposed passenger trips, proposed changes in type or level of service(s), documentation of need that supports the application and relationship of this application to the local coordinated planning efforts.

The Madison County Citizens Services Agency (MCCSA), a public governmental agency, is proposing to continue to operate its 5311 Rural General Public Transportation Program serving the general public and the elderly/disabled populations in Madison County, MS. We are proposing to operate commuter work routes, flexible routes and demand response services Monday through Friday, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. We will provide demand response services on Saturdays from 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Additionally, we will provide demand response services on Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Demand response services will be targeted to the general public as well as the elderly and persons with disabilities, including persons with developmental disabilities with a 24 hour advanced call in. We are proposing to operate ten (10) vehicles with a 166 passenger capacity. MCCSA has (5) ADA accessible vehicles. We are requesting a total budget of \$ 790,499.00 of which \$449,604.00 in 5311 funds is requested, 145,000.00 in contracts. Our \$195,895.00 from Madison County Board of Supervisors and \$ office hours for daily call in demand services will be Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. MCCSA observes all Madison County Holidays. Madison County Citizens Services Agency is proposing to provide approximately 50,000-51,630 passenger trips in 2018.

### Goals and Objectives for 2017-2018 are:

Increase ridership above 2015-2016 program year (50,125) total trips were reported. We will increase ridership, estimated trips for 2017 – 2018 will be 50,000-51,630 trips. We are projecting a 3% increase in ridership trips.

### Objectives:

- A. We will initiate and provide a continuum of community awareness regarding transportation services. It will include the dissemination of transit brochures, and "Hop On Board" pamphlets. This material will be distributed at employment sites, medical facilities, retail stores, Madison County WIN Job Center Partners, grocery stores and colleges, hotels, restaurants, libraries as well as other places of high general public concentration. This information will also be displayed at our (10) Bus Shelters across Madison County. We will advertise transit services on our website, in newspapers and through radio public service announcements, on going.
- B. To implement the activities of our Marketing Plan weekly with businesses, agencies, schools, retails and hotels across Madison County to increase awareness and transit ridership, ongoing.

- C. To evaluate current flexible routes and schedules regarding most accessible services to general public users, on a annual basis, November, 2017.
- D. To continue to aggressively solicit program support funds from MDOT, RTAP, Contracts, Memorandum of Understanding and other funding resources to enhance the MCCSA Transportation, ongoing.
- E. To discuss and plan coordinated transportation services with all TRANSCON MDOT providers across the region to provide seamless transportation service linkages, ongoing.

### **Need For Transportation Services**

Madison County has a total estimated (7-1-15) population of 103,465 persons (Quickfacts.census.gov). According to the 2015 Census Report, 12.7% of the population in Madison County is age 65 and over. A total of 12.7% of the population in Madison County live below the poverty level. In Canton, Mississippi 26.7% of the population live in poverty. According to <a href="https://www.city-data.com/countyMadison-County-MS">www.city-data.com/countyMadison-County-MS</a> (17%) of the population in Madison County used some other means of transportation other than drive a car alone to work. Also, Factfinder 2, estimates that 1,525 workers by household in Madison County, Mississippi have no vehicle.

This data and census information suggest a desperate need for public transit services in Madison County. Also, this data implies that there is a targeted population that needs transportation services. Madison County Citizens Services Agency proposed to provide dependable affordable public transit services for the elderly, persons with disabilities and those in the Madison County area who need transportation services. MCCSA plans to provide 50,000 – 51,630 transportation trips in 2017-2018.

### **Expansion in Services as a result of ARRA Funds:**

MCCSA received \$200,855 in ARRA funds for the purchase of (1) 17/21 ADA passenger bus, (1) 5/7 passenger van and 10 passenger shelters for the expansion of transportation services in Madison County. Transportation services have been expanded utilizing flexible routes for the (10) passenger shelters across Madison County in all V Districts. We have added (4) new flexible routes across Madison County. Reliable transportation services will be provided to impact accessibility to jobs and to address the personal transportation needs of citizens in Madison County, MS.

## NOTICE

**Public Hearing** 

**Transportation Services** 



Thursday, February 21, 2017 5:30 p.m.

### **WIN Job Center**

152 Watford Pkwy Canton, MS 39046

> Thank you Madison County Citizens Services Agency 1005 W. Peace Street Canton, MS 39046 (601) 391.1993 Fax: (601) 391.1996

## Madison County



Citizens Services Agency Community Transportation 601-391-1993



Hop On Board If You Need A Ride!

Please call 24 hours
In Advance For
Demand Response Services

### MCCSA TRANSPORTATION ROUTES

Jackson Commuter Route (Monday – Friday)

Canton Commuter Route (Monday- Friday)

Carthage Commuter Route (Monday – Friday)

Canton Wal-Mart (Thursday)

Canton to North Park Mall (Tuesday)

Flora Route (Monday – Wednesday – Friday)

Sharon, Camden & Farmhaven Route (Thursday)

Tougaloo College Route (Tuesday & Saturday)

**Specialized Transit Trips** 

**Demand Respond Services** 



MCCSA does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, sex, gender, religion, national origin, handicap or disability.

#### TRANSIT LINKAGE SERVICES

If you are not a Madison County citizen, but still need, want, or have an interest in Community Transportation:

Visit the MS Department of Transportation's website to find the transit system in your area at mdot.ms.gov. Click on Divisions, Public Transit, and then Providers Map.





Citizens Services Agency Community Transportation 601-391-1993

MCCSA Transit Services are Supported By:

Madison County Board of Supervisors, MDOT Division of Public Transit, Central Mississippi Planning and Development District and Mississippi Council on Developmental Disabilities.





"Madison County on the Move"

FOR TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS PLEASE CALL (601) 391-1993

## Transportation Services

Madison County Citizens Services Agency (MCCSA) provides affordable, dependable transportation services to practically anywhere you want to go in the Madison County area. We provide rural community transit MDOT (5311) services for the general public, veterans, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. Additionally, we provide Title XX Transportation services for elderly persons over the age of 60 who qualify for the program based on their income. We provide the citizens of Madison County with an opportunity to take advantage of what Madison County has to offer by providing community transit services.

Title XX participants (age 60 and over) are screened for service eligibility.

All passengers must call (24) hours in advance for demand response services requests.

Website: mccsaweb.org

## MCCSA TRANSPORTATION MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide safe, dependable, affordable, and professional transportation services by addressing the transportation needs of citizens across Madison County.

"Madison County"



"On the Move"

### **Transit Office Hours**

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **Transit Hours of Operation**

Monday-Friday 6:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

> 1005 West Peace Street Canton, MS 39046 Phone (601) 391-1993 Fax (601) 391-1997 mccsaweb.org MCCSA observes all Madison County Holidays

### TRANSPORTATION ROUTES

Jackson Commuter Route (Monday – Friday)

Canton Commuter Route (Monday – Friday)

Carthage Commuter Route (Monday – Friday)

Canton Wal-Mart Route (Thursday)

Canton to NorthPark Mall Route (Tuesday)

Flora Route (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday)

Sharon, Camden, & Farmhaven Route (Thursday)

Tougaloo College Route (Tuesday and Saturday)

Specialized Transit Trips (As requested)

Demand Response Services (Daily)

Please Call 24 Hours in Advance For Transportation Services (601) 391-1993

### NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

We are committed to operating our programs and services without regard to race, color, age, sex, gender, religion, national origin, handicap or disability in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Any person who believes she or he has been aggrieved by any unlawful discriminatory practice may file a complaint by contacting the Executive Director at (601) 391-1993



\*MCCSA provides Curb-to-Curb Community Transportation Services

\*All Passengers must wear seat belts and other safety devices at all times.



\*Eating, drinking, or smoking are not allowed on the vehicles.



### SERVICE ANIMAL POLICY

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), MCCSA allows provisions for service animals in the transit vehicles. Other pets and animals are not allowed on board the transit vehicles. Service animals include trained dogs and miniature horses only.

### MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

MCCSA community transit welcomes the use of small medical equipment devices as necessary for passengers, for example, respirators and portal oxygen. Only the passenger will operate their medical equipment. All Medical Equipment must be secured to prevent any safety issues on transit vehicles.

### HELPFUL TIPS FOR PLANNING YOUR TRIP

When calling to request Transportation please have the following information ready:

- 1. Have the addresses for your pick-up and drop-off locations.
- 2. Have the time that you want to be at your destination and the desired return pick-up time.
- 3. All fares must be paid upon entering the vehicles. Fares must be paid in cash and exact change.

### MCCSA Transit Fares

Regular Cash Fare<br/>(\$1.00 for each additional stops)\$4.00Day Pass<br/>5Day Pass\$6.005Day Pass\$20.0030Day Pass\$100.00Student 30 Day Pass\$75.00Madison County to Jackson\$6.00Transfer\$2.00

Discount Fares (Seniors over age 60. Disabled and Veterans) Customer ID may be required at time of boarding. Reduced Cash Fare \$2.00 Reduced Day Fare \$4.00 Reduced 5 Day \$10.00 Reduced 30 Day Pass \$50.00 Title XX (Prior Screening Required. Age 60 and above) FREE (Donations are Welcome) Veterans FREE (\$1.00 Donation Requested)

For Special Transportation Requests Please call (601) 391-1993

Children Age 4 and Under FREE

