

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Dear Resident:

I am proud Will County remains a great place to live, work, and raise a family. The high quality of life we enjoy is due, in large part, to the strong partnerships of our communities. The new "Will-Ride" transportation program is a great example of these successful partnerships. This program is a result of a collaborative effort between Will County, townships, municipalities, regional transit agencies, and local social service agencies. The goal is to provide transportation services for seniors, the disabled, and other eligible residents so they can travel to medical appointments, work, and to shop at local businesses.

These efforts are still progressing. Although we do not serve the entire County today, we are continuing to work to expand transit options through existing infrastructure and fixed route service providers to ensure all our residents can access the robust transportation system that exists in the Chicago metropolitan area.

As County Executive, I am committed to expanding access to public transportation for the residents of Will County. I welcome your ideas and comments on how we can improve our services.

Please contact Will County mobility manager Wendie Garlich at:

(815) 774-6346 ~ wgarlich@willcountyillinois.com

By working together, we can provide safe, convenient transportation options to all residents of Will County. Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Walsh
Will County Executive

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Participating Organizations

Frankfort Township

11000 W. Lincoln Hwy
Frankfort, IL 60423
(815) 469-4907

www.frankforttownship.com

Monee Township

26121 S. Egyptian Trail, P.O. Box 74
Monee, IL 60449
(708) 534-6020

www.moneetownship.com

Peotone Township

8212 W. Kennedy Road, P.O. Box 163
Peotone, IL 60468
(708) 258-9192

www.townships.toi.org/peotonetownship

"Will-Ride" is under the direction of the Will County Paratransit Coordination Council. Established by the County Executive and its founding members, the purpose of the Council is to act as an advisory group to the Will County Executive and Will County Board. All actions taken by the Council shall be recommended to the Will County Board for formal action.

The Council also helps develop, implement, and provide guidance to the coordination of shared ride transportation options within Will County so that seniors, persons with disabilities, and people needing employment can access local and regional transportation services. The Council assists the Mobility Manager, who is under the direction of the County Executive's office, and who is responsible for the day-to-day coordination of community transportation in the region.

The Mobility Manager also serves as the liaison to the Will County Board on matters related to Paratransit issues and will be the main staff person to the PCC and will manage all administrative functions of the Council.

The Council educates the community, including elected officials at the federal, state, county, and local levels on the need for funding of these coordinated transportation services.

In addition to the oversight of service delivery, the Council may also review alternative transportation options, subsidy programs, volunteer driver programs, and vehicle sharing, as well as related functions such as travel training, information referral, call center functions, vehicle procurement, insurance and maintenance, training and technological support.

