

ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT

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As of July 1, 2003, the Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency will no longer provide administrative services to the Estuary Transit District. The ETD is in the process of identifying a new administrative office and staff. CRERPA will continue to support the public transit planning process as part of its stated mission.

The affairs of the district are managed by a board of directors chosen from among the electors of the constituent municipalities. Appointment by the Board of Selectmen is documented by the Selectmen's office to the District and the Town Clerks' office. Delegates serve in a voluntary capacity to adopt bylaws and rules for the conduct of the affairs of the district. Current delegates on the ETD Board are:

Chairman, Doris Sanstrom, Westbrook
Vice Chairman, Bill Foster, Essex
Secretary Virginia Zawoy, Clinton
Treasurer Cornelius McCrudden, Old Saybrook
Raymond Mozzochi, Deep River
David Jones, Old Lyme
Barbara Klein, Killingworth
A vacancy exists in the town of Lyme.

Regular Meetings are Quarterly (March, June, September and December) on the third Monday of the month at 8:00 A.M. This year's meetings were held at the CRERPA office at Saybrook Junction Market Place, 455 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, CT. All meetings are open to the public.

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The Shoreline Shuttle Public Bus has provided service along the Route One Corridor since 1999. We meet the New Haven Dattco bus at the Scranton Memorial Gazebo in Madison. This coordination of services allows transit-dependent residents opportunities to access employment, recreation, cultural resources, social activities, as well as sightseeing along the Shoreline.



The regular fare for the Shuttle service is \$1.00. Door-to-door service is available between I-95 and Long Island Sound for \$2.00 by reservation only. Transfers between the Shoreline Shuttle and Dattco's S-Route Service are free. Schedules are available throughout the community.

All of the vehicles used to provide the Shoreline Shuttle service display graphic designs that incorporate our logo. The Estuary Transit District has spent this last year focusing on our mission to provide services to the general public, thus expanding a previous reputation as “elderly and handicap” service providers.

Bicycle racks have been installed on all buses as a means of offering additional recreational use of public transit. Riders may load their bicycles and be transported from one end of town to another for the regular fare.

Most of the operational costs for the Shoreline Shuttle are funded by the federal and state Department of Transportation. We also have a contract with the Regional Growth Connection, a division of the Regional Workforce Development Board in New Haven. As part of the Jobs Access Reverse Commute Program (JARC) we provide coordinated transportation to the labor pool in the city by meeting the Dattco Bus in Madison, as well as providing access to employment opportunities along the Shoreline. ETD’s Shoreline Shuttle provided rides to over 30,000 people this year. Costs are further supplemented with fares and contributions.

“**THE BUS**” – a **Public Bus** has now been in operation for a full year. This is an in-region *public* transportation service operating on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 8:00am – 4:00pm, by reservation only. It has provided rides to over 5,500 people throughout the Estuary Transit District this first year in operation. **Reservations** may be made by calling **388-1919**.



Through June 30th, 2002 ETD’s contract provider has been the Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc. (“ECSI”) located on Main Street in Old Saybrook. All of the vehicles used to provide the public transportation services are wheelchair lift equipped shuttle buses. Capital funding for replacement vehicles comes from State & Federal Department of Transportation Grants. The ECSI is responsible for the physical provision of services to include drivers, training, fleet maintenance and repair, scheduling and dispatching.

The Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency has provided planning services to the ETD, to clearly identify and outline transit needs, current issues and ways to improve the effectiveness and use of resources. This Regional Transit Plan has been submitted to the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

