

ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT

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ANNUAL REPORT

The Estuary Transit District (ETD) was formed in 1981 by the nine towns of the Connecticut River Estuary Region. These nine towns include Clinton, Chester, Deep River, Essex, Killingworth, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, and Westbrook. The District's mission is to provide local, coordinated public transportation for all residents of the area. Programs are administered by the Estuary Transit District.

The Shoreline Shuttle service operates on a flexible service route (fixed route with off-route stops available) in the shoreline towns of Clinton, Westbrook, and Old Saybrook, Monday through Saturday. Off route service is scheduled with 24 hours advanced reservation. The Shoreline Shuttle has been able to provide continuing service along the Route One Corridor since 1999. This service meets the CTRANSIT 'S' route in Madison and offers free transfers. These transfers allow riders to travel from New Haven to Old Saybrook for a \$1.25 fare. Free transfers are also available for monthly rail pass holders using the Shoreline East Commuter trains. ETD has a shuttle run that goes from Old Saybrook to Chester. This runs Monday thru Friday from 10am to 5:30pm and on Saturdays from 9am to 3:45pm. In March of this year ETD started a new run from Old Saybrook to Niantic. This trip runs from 7am to 5pm Monday thru Friday, making connections with the South East Area Transit (SEAT) for passengers wishing to go to the New London area.

The affairs of the District are managed by a board made up of one representative from each town, each having a weighted vote based on the population of the town they represent. The Delegates serve in a voluntary capacity to adopt bylaws and rules for the conduct of the affairs of the district. Regular Meetings are held on the third Friday of the month at 9:00 A.M. in the Old Saybrook Town Library. All meetings are open to the public.

The ETD board of Directors, closely monitors the public transit programs that ETD provides. With detailed operations reporting the board tracks not only monthly ridership but the number of trips per hour, overall program costs and per trip costs. In this way the board is able to set realistic service goals and monitor program effectiveness throughout the year. For this fiscal year ETD has provided a combined total of 53,906 trips completed this year by Estuary Transit District.