



PUBLIC COMMENT



Area of concern: OATS Transit

City/County of concern: Flemington/Dunnigan Area

Date received: 05/17/2022

Received through: Email

Contact Name: Roberta

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Email

Why in the world are Amish people riding on the bus? These people are disabled. They take it to save money from drivers. You really need to check up on this .

Flemington & Dunnigan Mo. Area. Problem all over ...

OTO Response: Thank you for your comment. This will be forwarded to OATS Transit as we are not involved with administration of or operation of OATS Transit. Per their website, OATS Transit is a shared-ride, public transportation company offering services to people of all ages. They serve the rural general public, individuals with disabilities and senior citizens. Thank you, again!



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at first thought this might be a good idea, but after considering the issue more thoroughly and thinking back to what I have seen in our neighborhood, I believe the money could be better utilized in other areas. I see many people using the OATS bus that are young, just to lazy to get out and get a job so they can pay their own way in getting around town. Unfortunately like almost all other government run programs there are multiple people taking advantage of the program and using services they should not be entitled to, but the program probably wants the higher number of users to justify their budgets.

OTO Response: Thank you for your comment. Public input is vital to the planning process. This information will be shared with our Technical Planning Committee, our Board of Directors, and forwarded to OATS.



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Date received: 05/17/2022

Received through: Website Comment Form

Contact Name: Amy Garoutte

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Email

I think it would be great for this funding to go to OATS for program expansion. As a mother of a disabled adult child who lives independently, I see the value in expanding services. OATS transport brings my daughter home from her part time job on weekdays, which allows her the ability to live independently more easily and relieves the burden on family since she is unable to drive. It would be great if the funds could help facilitate early morning transport to work and weekend transport to and from work.

OTO Response: Thank you for your comment. Public input is vital to the planning process. This information will be shared with our Technical Planning Committee and our Board of Directors.



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Contact Name: KM

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OATS drivers injure riders because they don't follow basic safety protocols. Then, they call the office before they can get the rider home make up a bunch of lies about the rider to get them in trouble so the office won't believe them. The office then ignores witnesses and tells them they are lying too and OATS continues to lie and refuses to take responsibility. They are repugnant liars who injure people, don't care, lie and turn vicious and hateful toward the people they should be apologizing yo and make up awful lies about them to get out of taking responsibility.

.don't give them more money to hurt more people and treat them the way they do. They didn't even care after Senator Blunt's office offered to help the rider. Executive Director responded on the internet FINALLY, but it was all for show and NEVER contacted the rider

Rip Off Report online has the incident.

Give them money and you bear responsibility when they do it again.

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Date received: 05/17/2022

Received through: Website Comment Form

Contact Name: N. Quinn

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Email

My husband rides the OATS bus to Springfield for medical treatments. The way they run things is mind blowing, such a waste of resources. They are like watching someone herding cats. You call the office to make an appointment for a ride, there is always turnover, no one seems to know what's going on in the offices. The only people that have a clue is the bus drivers! Don't reward bad management of funds by giving them more money. They need to straighten out from the top down!

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Date received: 05/17/2022

Received through: Website Comment Form

Contact Name: Terry Smith

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YOU HAVE NOT MENTIONED THE AGE RESTRICTION. WHEN I BECAME DISABLED AND COULD NO LONGER DRIVE, I USED THE OATS YO GET TO DOCTORS WHEN LEGISTICARE OR THE DAV COULD NOT GIVE ME A RIDE. I ALSO USED THEM TO GO THE THE SALVATION ARMY WHEN I VALENTEERED. THEN WHEN I TURNED 57 I WAS TOLD I COULD NOT RUDE ANYMORE BECAUSE I WAS NOT 65. SO.... DO YOU STILL HAVE TO BE 65???

OTO Response: Thank you for your comment. Here is a link to the OATS FAQ's webpage: <https://www.oatstransit.org/faq-s>. Per their website, they offer services to people of all ages. Please contact OATS directly with any service questions.



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Contact Name: Carol Thompson

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The OATS buses are too big and difficult to board. Seniors want interaction with familiar people and choices in destinations and services. Being dropped off at WalMart with "orders" of a time you'll be picked up is not a quality service. That huge bus coming to one's home is embarrassing and violates privacy most seniors value.

What is needed are cars and small vans. Seniors need vetted drivers who pick up the same 3 or 4 people on the same day each week for a shopping outing and perhaps socializing at one of the regulars' residence for an hour before everyone is taken home. Knowing who you are going out with and not having an embarrassing "advertisement" pull in to your driveway would meet a need and increase use of the service. Seniors also need rides to medical appointments and other service providers that a regular driver could coordinate with others needing similar transportation. Drivers would have more variety each day with a different group of people and different destinations. A service more like UBER, but with small groups, is what is needed.

OTO Response: Thank you for your comment. This information will be shared with OATS Transit, our Technical Planning Committee, and our Board of Directors.



PUBLIC COMMENT



Area of concern: Finley Falls Crossing

City/County of concern: Outside the OTO MPO Area

Date received: 05/17/2022

Received through: Website Comment Form

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The Burnet Road Ford at Findley Falls is a dangerous water crossing with no warning for strangers. So far, only an Amish buggy has been washed down. This needs to me a bridge. When the water is high, it is about a 30 minute detour got the Amish.

OTO Response: Thank you for your comment. This crossing does not fall within our Metropolitan Planning Area. Please contact the county it is located in. I have included a map below of our MPO area.



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Area of concern: Highway 160 and Farm Road 192

City/County of concern: Greene County

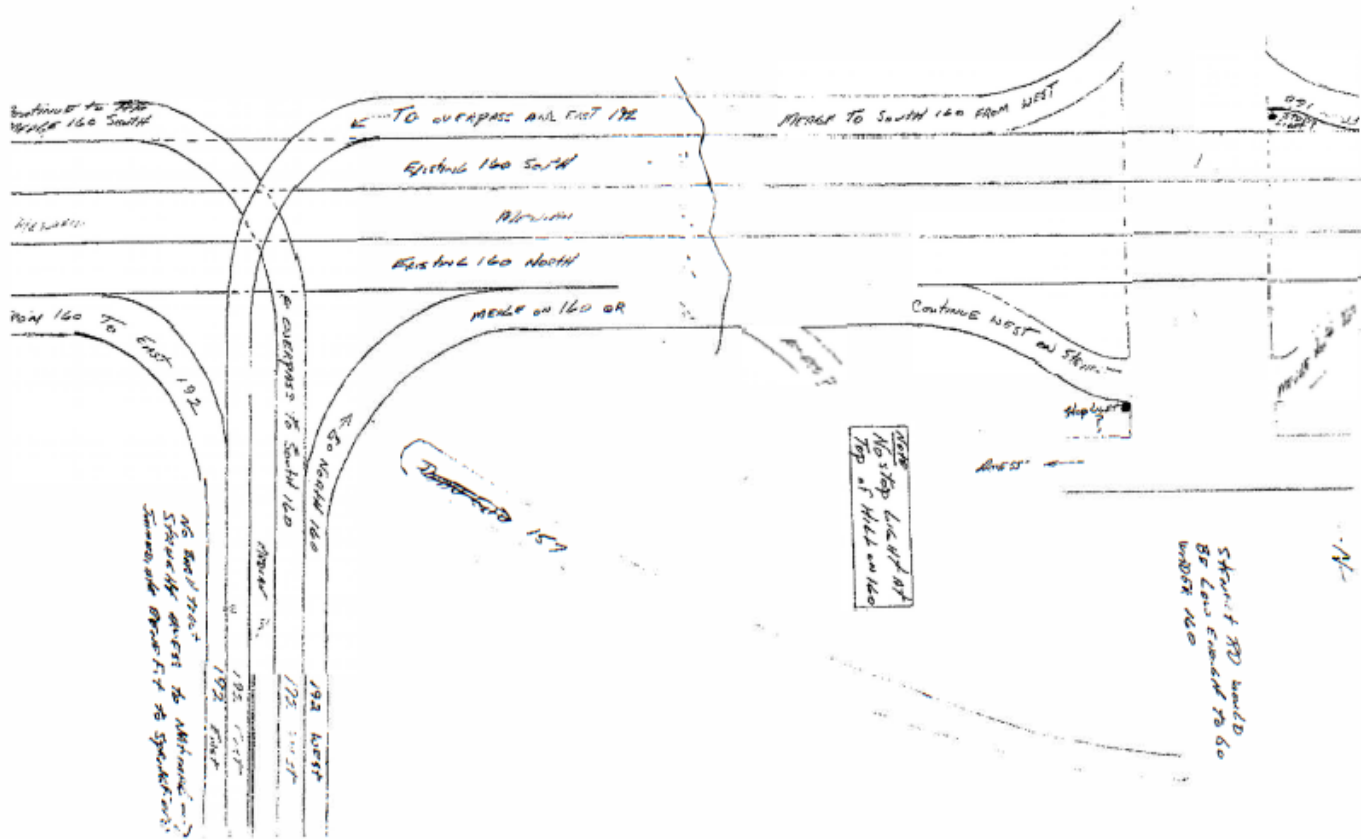
Date received: 5/18/2022

Received through: In-person

Contact Name: Russ Kisling

Contact Email/Ph #:

Suggested Overpass



OTO Response: Spoke with Ms. Longpine



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Area of concern: OATS Transit

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Date received: 05/17/2022

Received through: Email

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Email

I support this funding because it will assist citizens like my 40 year old Daughter who is developmentally disabled. As her Mom, I am no longer able to drive due to disabilities. This would benefit our household. Thank you.

OTO Response: Thank you for your comment. Public input is vital to the planning process. This information will be shared with our Technical Planning Committee and our Board of Directors.