



- **Paratransit Service** known as the **ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)** Paratransit program is available to all persons with disabilities whose origin to destination is within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of the fixed routes. ADA Routes operate Monday through Sunday, in conjunction with the public transit routes, days and hours of operation. Fares are \$4.00 for a round trip. Please complete the attached Application Form to qualify for this service. *For additional information on this program, please ask us for a copy of our ADA Riders Guide or view it on our website.*

The **SSTAP (Specialized Statewide Transportation Program)** Paratransit program is also available for persons with disabilities or senior citizens who live further than $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from the Public Transportation routes. Fares are \$6.00 for a round trip within St. Mary's County. Trips are served at first come basis and service different parts of the county on different days of the week, Monday through Friday. *For additional information on this program, please ask us for a copy of our SSTAP Riders Guide or view it on our website.*

- **Disability and Senior Discount Fare Cards** are available to persons with disabilities and seniors that can ride the Public Transportation buses. Public Transportation operates Monday through Sunday. Discount fare service on the Public Transportation buses for persons with disabilities and seniors are \$0.50 for a one way trip and \$0.75 with a transfer. Please complete the attached Application Form to qualify for these discount programs.

For more detailed description of our STS transportation services, please refer to the next page. Otherwise, feel free to visit our STS Transit link found on the Department of Public Works & Transportation main web page at <http://www.stmarysmd.com/dpw/> or contact Mary Ann Blankenship by email at maryann.blankenship@stmarysmd.com or by phone at (301)475-4200 ext. *1123.

“Ride the Bus with Us.”

STS Transportation Services

Public Transportation - There are 10 different public transportation routes that operate through Charlotte Hall to California to Leonardtown and Ridge and make connections to both the Charles and Calvert County transit systems. The hours of service range depending on the route. The schedules are posted on-line at <http://www.stmarysmd.com/dpw/STSfares.asp>. The buses travel on a State approved

series of what are called "fixed" routes which basically means that they must stay on the approved routes and stops and generally cannot deviate. Fixed routes also help to maintain the bus schedules. Many of the established stops and transfer points are located at major destinations such as shopping centers (*ie. First Colony, Wildewood, San Soucci, Lauren Glen, Hickory Hills*) that were established as a part of an evaluation of ridership, population density, service demand, customer surveys, etc. It is important to note, that along these public routes, there are what are referred to as "stop requests" and "flag stops" that allow customers to be picked up and dropped off at various locations along the public routes. For example, there are "stop requests" for the Bean Medical Center (*California Southbound Route*) and Social Security Administration (*Northern Route*) that actually drop off passengers at the front door of these facilities. All current Stop Request locations are identified on the STS bus schedules. However, not every public route can provide this type of service and still maintain their schedule. "Flag stops" assist people by allowing passengers to be picked up and dropped off at or near locations of their choice that are not formal bus stops. Discount fare service on the Public Transportation buses for persons with disabilities and seniors are \$0.50 for a one way trip and \$0.75 with a transfer.

Statewide SSTAP - The **Statewide Specialized Transportation Assistance Program** is a transportation service designed to serve elderly and persons with disabilities in all other areas in St. Mary's County that are not served by Public Transportation (*described above*) or ADA transportation (*described below*). This general purpose transportation is a demand-response service that requires a door-to-door service and provides transportation to employment, to all the senior centers, medical appointments, shopping, hair appointments, health department, personal errands, etc. SSTAP service provides door-to-door transportation to all the senior centers five days a week. It is also designed to operate in separate areas (called "zones") on different days of the week. These zones were established in order to try and accommodate as many passengers as possible that request service in the same general area on the same days. Staff work closely with riders to accommodate their schedules and appointments. The basic zones are as follows: Zone 1: Monday - STS will serve the Ridge, Lexington park, Great Mills, Callaway, Piney Point, Tall Timbers, St. Inigoes areas and Mechanicsville areas. Zone 2: Tuesday - STS will serve the Mechanicsville, Charlotte Hall and Golden Beach areas. Zone 3: Wednesday - STS will serve the Leonardtown, Hollywood, Breton Bay, Lexington park, Compton, Avenue, Chaptico, and Wicomico Shores areas. Zone 4: Thursday - STS will serve all Zones or all County on this day. (All areas). Zone 5: Friday - STS will serve the Lexington Park, Wildewood, California, Hollywood and Oakville areas.

ADA Paratransit - **Americans with Disabilities Act** transportation service is required by law to provide complementary paratransit service to persons with disabilities. ADA paratransit service is also required to offer next-day service. This Paratransit service is available to anyone that qualifies that wants to be picked up or dropped off at any location within $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of all the public transportation routes. Staff works closely with these riders to accommodate their schedules and appointments.

Other Transportation service providers - Other transportation service providers in the County that may also be able to be utilized include but are not limited to; the St. Mary's Hospital, Health Department, Pathways, Cedar Lane Apartments, Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, the Department of Human Services, Center For Life Enrichment, Medical Adult Day Care Centers, ARC of Southern Maryland, and the Developmental Disabilities Administration - Independent Support Services.