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## Senior Shared Ride Program

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Freedom Transit operates the Senior Shared Ride program in Washington County. The service is funded in part by the Pennsylvania State Lottery and The SWPA Area Agency on Aging. It is a non-emergency, pre-scheduled, paratransit shared ride service provided to eligible persons enrolled in the Shared Ride Program. It also provides lift-equipped service as required.

### Eligibility

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Any Washington County resident age 60 and over, who is traveling to a senior center or adult day care facility may travel for no charge. These trips are funded by the SWPA Area Agency on Aging.

Washington County residents age 65 and over can travel to medical facility for 7.5% of the fare, paid directly to the driver. The State Lottery pays 85% of the trips cost, and the Area Agency on Aging pays 7.5% of the trip cost.

If you are age 65 and over, and wish to travel for purposes other than a senior center or medical trip, you may do so at a reduced rate of 15% of the total trip cost, paid directly to the driver. The State Lottery pays the remaining 85% of the trip cost. Passengers will be informed when scheduling their ride what the fare, if any, for their trip will be. This fare amount is to be paid directly to the driver each time you enter the vehicle.

### Registration

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To obtain an application for the Senior Shared Ride program please visit [www.washingtonrides.org](http://www.washingtonrides.org) or call the Freedom Transit office and an application will be mailed to you. You may also pick up an application at our office. You must submit proof of age with your application for the Shared Ride Program. A list of acceptable forms of proof of age is listed on the application.

### Days/Hours of Operation & Scheduling a Ride

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Service operates, Monday through Saturday, 5:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Customer Service Representatives are available Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM until 5:00 PM.

To reserve a ride for Tuesday through Saturday, you must call before 12:00 PM on the previous business day (holidays are not business days). For trips on Monday, you must call the previous Friday before 1:00 PM. Reservations must be made at least 1 day in advance but can be made up to 14 days in advance of the date needed for transportation.

### Where Can I Go Using The Shared Ride Program?

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Most trips within your local area can be scheduled as long as they are during Freedom Transit service hours. Certain restrictions apply on trips outside of your local area. For more information please contact the Freedom Transit office.

- Non-medical out-of-county trips can be scheduled to areas within five miles of the county border.
- Out-of-County medical trips to Pittsburgh area medical centers are scheduled on Pittsburgh area “run times”. Appointments should be scheduled no earlier than 10:00 A.M. and no later than 12:00 P.M. This is a shared ride program, therefore there must be more than one passenger traveling into this area for the trip to be run.
- We do not provide service to the Pittsburgh Airport.