### **Service/Service Area**

CONNECT provides demand response, curb-to-curb, 24 hours advance reservation public transportation service within Morgan County. Door-to-door service is also available upon request for those needing reasonable assistance beyond the curb.

All of CONNECT Public Transit operates as shared-ride service so it is common that passengers will be on board the vehicle with others who are traveling at the same time and in the same direction.

# **Service Hours / Holidays**

**Weekdays: 7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.**Transit Service is closed on major holidays. Please contact us for a complete list.

## **Accessibility**

Individuals with mobility disabilities are welcome to use wheelchairs and manually powered mobility aids, i.e., walkers, crutches, canes, braces, or other similar devices designed for use by individuals with mobility disabilities. Vehicles with wheelchair lifts will accommodate standees upon request. CONNECT Public Transit also transports individuals traveling with portable oxygen tanks and respirators. For safety reasons, portable oxygen tanks must be able to be secured.

### **Reasonable Modifications**

Individuals needing a service accommodation or modification should notify CONNECT Public Transit of the request when making a reservation. For more information regarding the reasonable modification policy or how to file a reasonable modification complaint, please contact CONNECT Public Transit at 866-573-0817. Attempts will be made to honor all reasonable modification requests.

## **Service Animals**

CONNECT Public Transit welcomes service animals. Service animals must be under the constant control of its handler.

# **Transportation of Children**

Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. All children over 8 years old must wear a seat belt. Children less than 4-years old or 40-lbs. must be secured in a car seat. Children between the ages of 4 and 8-years old and less than 4'9" must use a booster seat. Car and booster seats are the responsibility of the parent or guardian and CONNECT Operators are not responsible for securing. This responsibility is left to the parent/guardian of the child.

#### **Fares**

Seniors 60 and older ride free. *Donations Welcome*. Under 60 years of age, rides are \$4 per stop within Martinsville city limits and \$5 per stop anywhere else within Morgan County. You must have exact fare. **DRIVERS DO NOT MAKE CHANGE**.

### **Title VI**

**CONNECT Public Transit operates its programs** and services without regard to race, color, or national origin in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and other statutes and authorities that prohibit discrimination in Federally assisted programs and activities. Any person who believes they have been aggrieved by any unlawful discriminatory practice under Title VI may file a complaint with CONNECT Public Transit. For more information on civil rights program and the procedures to file a complaint, please contact 866-573-0817 or visit our administrative office at 1001 Sycamore Lane, Danville, IN 46122 from 8am - 4:30pm. A complaint may also be filed directly with the FTA, Office of Civil Rights, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington DC 20590. For more information about programs and services, information can be found on our Website at https://www. sycamoreservices.com/transportation-services.

#### **SERVICES FUNDED IN PART BY:**

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**RIDER GUIDE** 



# Phone (765) 342-3007

# Indiana Relay Service Dial 711 (For the Hearing Impaired/Spanish)

If information is needed in another language or mode of communication, please contact: 1-866-573-0817.
For Hearing Impaired or Spanish, call Relay Indiana: Dial 711.

Si se necesita información en otro idioma o modo de comunicación, a continuación, póngase en contacto con: 1-866-573-0817. Para personas con problemas auditivos o español, llamada de retransmisión Relay Indiana: Marque 711.

# THIS BROCHURE IS AVAILABLE IN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT UPON REQUEST

1369 North Blue Bluff Road

Martinsville, IN 46151

SycamoreServices.com/Transportation-Services/

### **Safety**

Seatbelts must be worn at all times while the vehicle is in motion. All wheelchairs must be secured with a 4-point securement system. Passengers must remain seated with seatbelts fastened until the vehicle has come to a complete stop.

### **Trip Reservations**

All trips are scheduled in advance on a first come, first served basis on a time and space availability basis. Riders are encouraged to call as soon as possible, up to two months in advance. Trip reservations should be requested 24 hours in advance of requested pick up time. To schedule trips passengers must call 765-352-2182 between 7:00 am - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. Trips cannot be scheduled by telling a driver. Passengers should include the following information when scheduling trips:

- Name/DOB
- Telephone #
- Pick-up/Drop-off addresses
- Duration of appointment
- Home Address
- Emergency name and number

Hearing impaired persons can call the Indiana Relay Service at 711 or 800-409-6503 for assistance in scheduling trips.

Same day add-on trips will be accommodated if there are openings on that day's schedule. Please let us know if you have special needs such as if you are traveling in a wheelchair, with an attendant, service-animal, portable oxygen tank or respirator, etc.

### **Pick Up Window**

CONNECT Public Transit has a 30-minute pick-up window. This means that the bus can arrive to pick you up anytime from 15 minutes before to 15 minutes after your scheduled pick-up time. If there is no response within 5 minutes of our bus honking the horn, you will be considered a No Show and charged for our trip.

### **Cancellations and No Shows**

We request a 24-hour notice for cancellations. It is important that if you don't need your trip that you cancel as early as possible, but at least one hour prior to your scheduled pickup time. Cancellations can be left on our voice mail when the office is closed.

If the bus arrives to pick you up and the driver cannot locate you or you have failed to cancel your trip at least one hour prior to your scheduled pickup time you will be considered a No Show. No Shows waste time and money, make other passengers late and cause service denials to others.

If you are reported as a No Show all other rides you have scheduled for that day are automatically cancelled until we hear from you to confirm your schedule. Excessive no-shows may result in suspension of transportation services. You can appeal your suspension by calling 888-573-0817 and asking to speak to the Director of Quality Assurance.

### **Prohibited Activities**

Illegal acts, threats or acts of physical violence will not be tolerated. CONNECT Public Transit will contact law enforcement for assistance in threatening situations. Any rider who poses a "direct threat" to the health or safety of others will be denied service.

### **Other Restrictions**

- Items large enough to block isle way; emergency exits
- Garbage, recycled material, aluminum cans
- Flammable materials such as gasoline, oils, etc.
- Shopping carts of any kind
- Lawn mowers, weed eaters, bicycles
- No profanity / intimidation / fighting
- No opened food or drink on the buses
- No illegal drugs on any vehicle

Any violation of these rules can call for immediate removal from vehicle as well as suspension of services.

# **Rider Courtesy**

Our service is shared ride. We expect you to be respectful and courteous to others. Please do not eat, drink, smoke or chew tobacco, play loud music, engage in loud conversation, curse, or touch or disturb others on the bus.

### **Assistance**

Our service is provided from the curb at your pick-up point to the curb at your destination. The driver may assist you to and from the curb when boarding or leaving the bus, but is not permitted to enter a residence or building. A personal care attendant may accompany you at no charge. The driver is trained in passenger assistance and will secure all wheelchairs and help secure packages and assist with seatbelts if needed. However, CONNECT Public Transit requests that passengers not take advantage of this courtesy or drivers. It is the primary responsibility of the passenger or his/her attendant to load and unload bags/ packages. Drivers will assist as needed. Riders are requested to limit carry-on bags to what they can carry.

### **Weather Closings and Cancellations**

All closings and cancellations will be announced on WCBK.