



## Carbon County Area Ride and Transit Coordination Plan

The Carbon County Area Ride and Transit service will provide a safe, reliable and affordable mean of transportation, from healthcare appointments to everyday errands. A viable transportation system will improve the overall health of residents in our communities. The ability to work with existing services and rely on purchased transportation is a future goal of CART's. We will continue exploring the possibilities of working with our counterparts, such as Community Care (CC), Red Lodge Tour and Taxi (RLTT) and Lyft, by integrating them into our financial and operational contingency plans. We hope to partner with them directly by using their existing services and vehicles to provide county-wide transportation that is reliable, safe and affordable.

CART's goal is to provide a free, county-wide transportation service, three days a week with elderly, disabled and low-income families as the primary focus of the system. CART's service would only operate three miles off Highways 212 and 310 as well. Twice a month, it will also operate as a fixed-route system, running along Highways 212 and 310, once a month respectively, to Billings and the medical campus.

It is the intent of Carbon County Area Ride and Transit (CART) to coordinate and collaborate with, rather than compete with existing transportation services, such as RLTT and CC. CART offers free transportation to Carbon County residents, but does not intend to compete with the commercial transportation services specifically provided by RLTT or CC.

CART will refer callers who are seeking the following transportation services to RLTT:

- Airport shuttles and evening shuttles
- Safe Ride Home / Safe Sober shuttles
- Special Event transport (weddings, concerts, etc.)
- Transportation outside of CART's designated schedule (Tues., Wed., Thurs., 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.)
- Shuttles to and from Red Lodge Mountain and USFS trails outside CART's service area.
- All callers will be responsible for fees required by other services. CART will not provide fee assistance for other services.

CART will refer callers who are seeking the following health transportation services to CC:

- Welfare checks
- Unescorted riders who require assistance physically, moving from the pick-up location, bus stop, onto or off of the vehicle for health/medical appointment transportation; Passengers who require assistance in boarding/offboarding the vehicle unless they have an accompanied rider/helper
- Passengers who can not ride public transportation without medical assistance unless they have an accompanied rider/helper
- Passengers who for any physical, social or mental health reason, are not able to use public transportation without assistance