

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT TRANSIT DISTRICT

The 2015/16 year was the 26th year of the Northwestern Connecticut Transit District's (NWCTD) actual operation of the Northwestern Connecticut Rural Transit program. NWCTD also has operating responsibility for the Torrington/Litchfield and Winsted flexible deviated route. This broader base gives Rural Transit a greater stability and closer management than it has in the past.

The Interregional service continues to offer service to the 17 towns in Northwest Connecticut for medical to hospital and vet centers, doctor visits, shopping and social trips to the Hartford area and other out of region areas. The district provides this service Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Winsted residents can request this service anytime the need is there. Winsted also receives 5 days of deviated flexible route service, which is the "CANDYSTRIPER" route that is based in Torrington. This service provides five routes per day from Torrington to Winsted. This year the District increased service to the deviated flexible route when we added five stops per day to the Spencer Hill area. We had received many requests for this service.

The district provides curb-to-curb Dial a Ride Service for Winsted residents to travel to Torrington for medical and shopping five days per week from 9AM to 3PM with extended service Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until 6PM. Weekend service is now available to Winsted Residents with a 48 hour reservation. This extended service is provided by the New Freedom Program.

The Job Access Program is still utilized to full capacity. We provide two vehicles for three shifts ITW and Bicron in the Salisbury/Lakeville. We provide two vehicles for this service – one leaving from Torrington and the second bus picking up Winsted residents to go to Canaan.

Total Dial a Ride Transportation for FY16 was 25,595, Municipal Grant Program 9,942 rides, New Freedom 1,880 and the Deviated Flexible Route was 60,930 for a total ridership of 98,347. Winsted had 4,591 rides from the Dial a Ride Transportation, 437 from the Municipal Grant Program.

The State Matching Grant will remain in effect for FY17. This grant provides extended service and special trip service.

The district's website is www.nwcttransit.com where all of our schedules are explained in detail.