

TRIPS 25 YEARS

Ohio Loves Transit
2026



21,392

Demand-response one-way
rides for Sandusky County
passengers

12,211

Fremont Shuttle one-way rides
to 18 different locations
throughout the city

331,476

Total miles traveled, including
268,095 demand-response miles and
63,381 Fremont Shuttle miles

2025 stats

This year's Ohio Loves Transit event also coincides with TRIPS Public Transportation's 25th anniversary year. Operated by Great Lakes Community Action Partnership, TRIPS serves Sandusky County by offering low-cost rides to anywhere in the county at \$2-\$4 per ride, depending on location, as well as Fremont Shuttle rides throughout the City of Fremont at a cost of \$1 per ride.

Of the **33,603** rides provided by TRIPS demand-response and Fremont Shuttle in 2025, these trips included:

- **4,509** Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities rides
- **3,674** rides for medical appointments
- **3,928** Medicaid-funded rides
- **678** rides for dialysis appointments
- **3,775** rides supported through the Sandusky County Senior Levy and the Area Office on Aging
- **5,097** rides for work

Along with TRIPS Public Transportation, GLCAP offers Mobility Management services. Last year, this service provided 114 transportation referrals and led coordinated planning, transportation development, and capacity-building efforts in its nine-county service region.

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PARTNERSHIP

OUR TRANSPORTATION STORY AT GLCAP



1997

In 1997, multiple agencies in Sandusky County partnered to begin discussions regarding the county's need to improve transit services for seniors, workers, disabled individuals, and others in need of reliable transportation. These 11 original partners included:

- Chamber of Commerce of Sandusky County
- Community Health Services
- Early Intervention Project
- Easter Seals of Northwest Ohio
- Firelands Counseling & Recovery Services
- Memorial Hospital (now ProMedica)
- Private Industry Council
- Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Sandusky County Department of Job & Family Services
- United Way of Sandusky County
- WSOS Community Action Commission (now GLCAP)

2001

(When TRIPS takes off!)



The work of these agencies led to the formation of **TRIPS**, funded through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) with WSOS as the designated grantee. After much planning, TRIPS took off in 2001, launching Sandusky County's first public transportation service.

During the 2000s, TRIPS sought innovative ways to meet transportation needs in the county, including securing a Community Transportation of America WSOS Job Links Grant to connect people to work, as well as a New Freedom Grant to begin a Passenger Care Attendant program to help passengers who needed assistance while riding. Also during this time, WSOS secured grant funding to develop coordinated transportation plans for several counties (including Sandusky) to help communities better manage transit resources and address transportation concerns.

2010

In the 2010s, WSOS continued to secure funds to expand local transportation options, such as obtaining the Job Access and Reverse Commute grant that gave TRIPS the opportunity to better assist with workforce transportation, particularly for second and third-shift workers.

In 2011, WSOS received an Ohio Coordination for Mobility Management grant for Sandusky County, allowing for an increased focus on transportation coordination as well as helping individuals with barriers to transportation meet their travel needs. WSOS was able to hire its first full-time mobility manager in 2015. The Mobility Management service has since expanded to include a nine-county region, with each county served with transportation plans, rider guides, and other assistance for people who need help accessing transportation.

2019

Shortly after WSOS changed its name to Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP) in late 2018, TRIPS began its first pilot project for the Fremont Shuttle in summer 2019. During this test phase, the shuttle provided transportation with hourly stops at nine locations in the City of Fremont at the cost of \$1 per ride.

The Fremont Shuttle quickly expanded and now includes two loops and 18 total stops in the city. Support from Sandusky County Public Health's Creating Healthy Communities initiative helped build two of four shuttle shelters at select stops to better accommodate riders awaiting the arrival of the shuttle.

NOW

Now in its 25th year, TRIPS continues to provide low-cost transportation for riders throughout Sandusky County, getting people where they need to go for work, medical appointments, school, and other needs. It's been a fun ride so far, and we're still riding strong!