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MINUTES: Regular Work Session – September 3, 2024

This is a summary of actions and discussions of the meeting. You may view this meeting through our YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1ELh0jGpXd4VV2DTgsuqPA> or by contacting our office.

The Board met in regular session pursuant to adjournment of the September 3, 2024, General Session meeting.

David G. Young – present

Shannon Jones – present

Tom Grossmann – present

Krystal Powell, Clerk – present

- 24-1162 A resolution was adopted create rates and charges for the County Storm Water Management District No. 1 in accordance with section 6117 of Ohio Revised Code. Vote: Unanimous
- 24-1163 A resolution was adopted determining necessity for the water main replacement along Mulberry Street, Maineville for public use. Vote: Unanimous
- 24-1164 A resolution was adopted approve revised general plan for Waterworks Facilities in the Warren County Water District, to include water main replacement along Mulberry Street, Maineville. Vote: Unanimous

DISCUSSIONS

On motion, upon unanimous call of the roll, the Board accepted and approved the consent agenda.

Neil Tunison, County Engineer, was present along with Kurt Weber, Deputy County Engineer, for the Board to consider the continuation of rates and charges for the County Storm Water Management District No. 1 in accordance with Section 6117 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Upon discussion, the Board Resolved (Resolution #24-1162) creating rates and charges for the County Storm Water Management District No. 1 in accordance with Section 6117 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Susanne Mason, Director of Transit Service, was present for a work session to update the Board relative to transit services provided to county residents. Ms. Mason also introduced Anirudh Mohan, Chief Financial Officer, Valley Transport.

Mr. Mohan presented the attached PowerPoint presentation summarizing the changes and progress of the public transit program since Valley Transport was awarded the operating contract in December of 2023.

There was discussion relative to the cost of operating the program, the amount of residents utilizing the program, and current rates charged for users.

Matt Schnipke, Director of Development, was present for a work session to seek guidance relative to the Greentree Road and State Route 741 Roundabout Project. Mr. Schnipke stated the Port Authority has the ability to transfer 4 million dollars from Miami Valley Gaming Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds to use on the proposed project.

The Board directed Mr. Schnipke to proceed with taking the necessary actions in order to utilize the TIF funds on the roundabout project.

Chris Brausch, Sanitary Engineer, was present for a work session to discuss the necessity of a watermain replacement project along Mulberry Street in Maineville. Mr. Brausch showed the Board a corroded watermain pipe removed from the area that was installed in the 1970's. He presented the attached PowerPoint presentation and stated there were 15 watermain breaks in the same vicinity during the month of August. Mr. Brausch explained 120 customers went without water service for 32-36 hours and the only solution for the ongoing issue is to replace 3,500 feet of pipe.

There was discussion relative to the cost necessary for projects to sustain water service to residents in relation to the low usage and service rates currently charged by the County.

Upon further discussion, the Board Resolved (Resolution #24-1163) determining the necessity for the water main replacement along Mulberry Street in Maineville for public use and (Resolution #24-1164) approving the revised general plan for waterworks facilities in the Warren County Water District to include water main replacement along Mulberry Street in Maineville.

Susan Walther, Deputy County Administrator, was present for a work session to discuss the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. Ms. Walther stated the County is still in possession of 1.6 million dollars in funding relative to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. She further stated the funds can be used for housing and utility assistance until September 2025.

Commissioner Jones stated the funds were previously approved ARPA funds that were underspent. She also stated the county is able to contract with Warren County Community Services to have them act as the program administrator to allocate the funds to residents in need of support.

There was discussion relative to program eligibility, the number of Warren County residents in need of assistance, the program end date, and what happens to the allocated funds if they are not spent.

Upon further discussion, the Board directed Ms. Walther to proceed with taking necessary action to begin the contract process with Warren County Community Services.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.



David G. Young, President



Tom Grossmann

Shannon Jones

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held on September 3, 2024, in compliance with Section 121.22 O.R.C.



Krystal Powell, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Warren County, Ohio

+ Valley
Transport



Warren County
TRANSIT SERVICE

Agenda

- Overview Of Transit Program
- Changes & Progress in 2024
 - New Provider - Valley Transport
 - Technology (Accountability, Data, Efficiency)
- Ridership Increase
- The Future
- Questions

WCTS Overview



Wheeler County
TRANSIT SERVICE



WCTS Overview

Low-cost public transportation service available to any one in Warren County regardless of age or income.

Service is provided Monday through Friday, 6am – 6pm.

Regular Fare: \$3.00 one-way trip, Discounted Fare for Children through age 12, Elderly, or Disabled: \$1.50 one-way trip

Tickets can be purchased online or exact change can be given at the time of pickup.



Changes & Progress in 2024

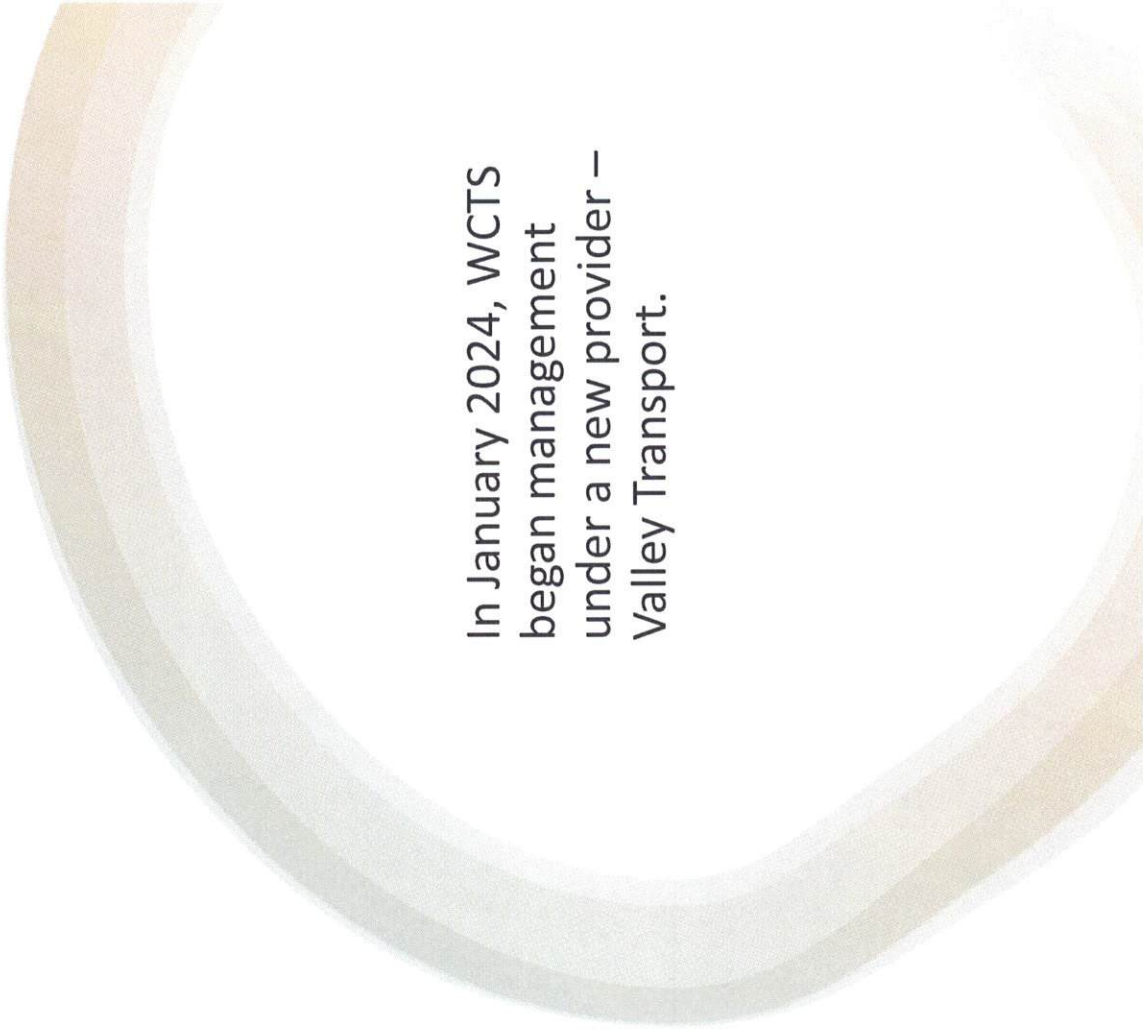


Massachusetts
TRANSIT SERVICE





New Provider – Valley Transport



In January 2024, WCTS
began management
under a new provider –
Valley Transport.

What Is Valley Transport?

Valley Transport is a family-owned logistics and healthcare organization.

We have owned the company for 10 years as of September 2024.

We have 4 locations – Dayton, Cincinnati, Columbus & Lebanon.

We complete approximately 2000 trips per day across the state of Ohio with extreme cost effectiveness and efficiency.

We accomplish this by building our own logistics and routing software and technology.

Technology & Safety Improvements



Digital - Every ride conducted by WCTS has now been digitized. No paper is used throughout the transportation process. This is done with our proprietary TripWizard app.



Efficiency - TripWizard uses a Google Maps API to create the most efficient and cost-effective routes possible.



Safety - Every ride is tracked throughout transport. We know where every client is at every step of transport. We also have inside-outside cameras installed in every vehicle.



Demographic Data – We finally have data on trip volume, call volume, ride trends. This allows us to better predict demand and understand usage.

The Ridership

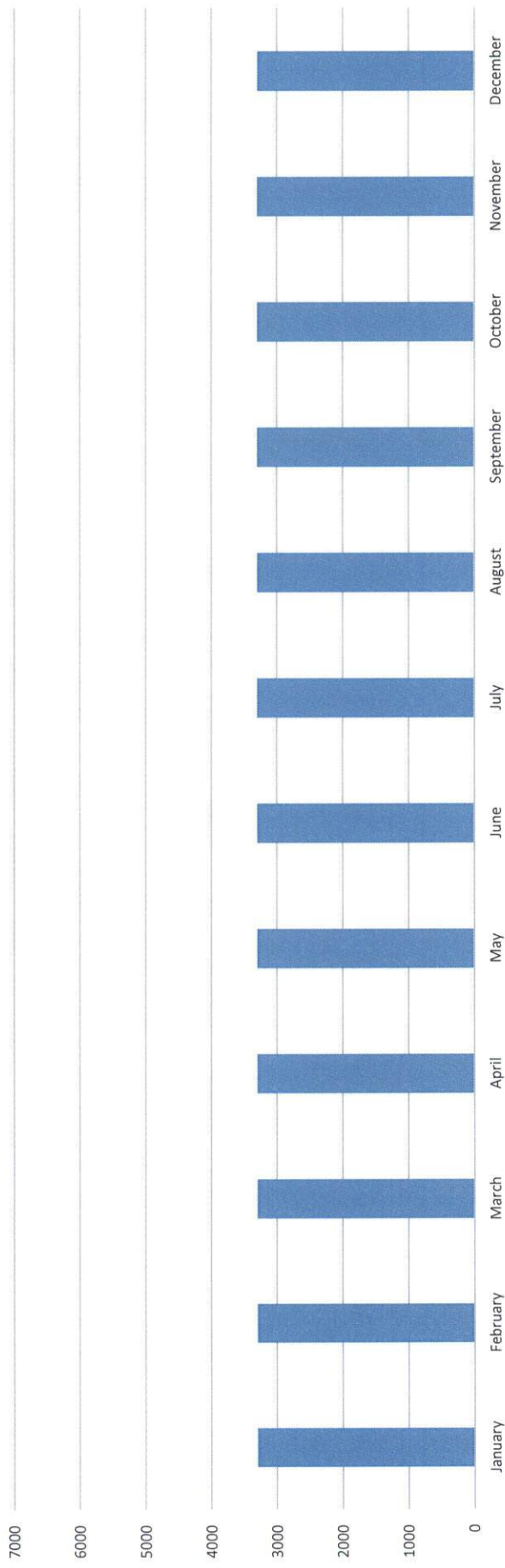


The Past



- The RFP released in 2023 had annual ridership at approximately 40000 passenger trips in a year.
- For comparison's sake, we have broken this down into 3300 trips per month.

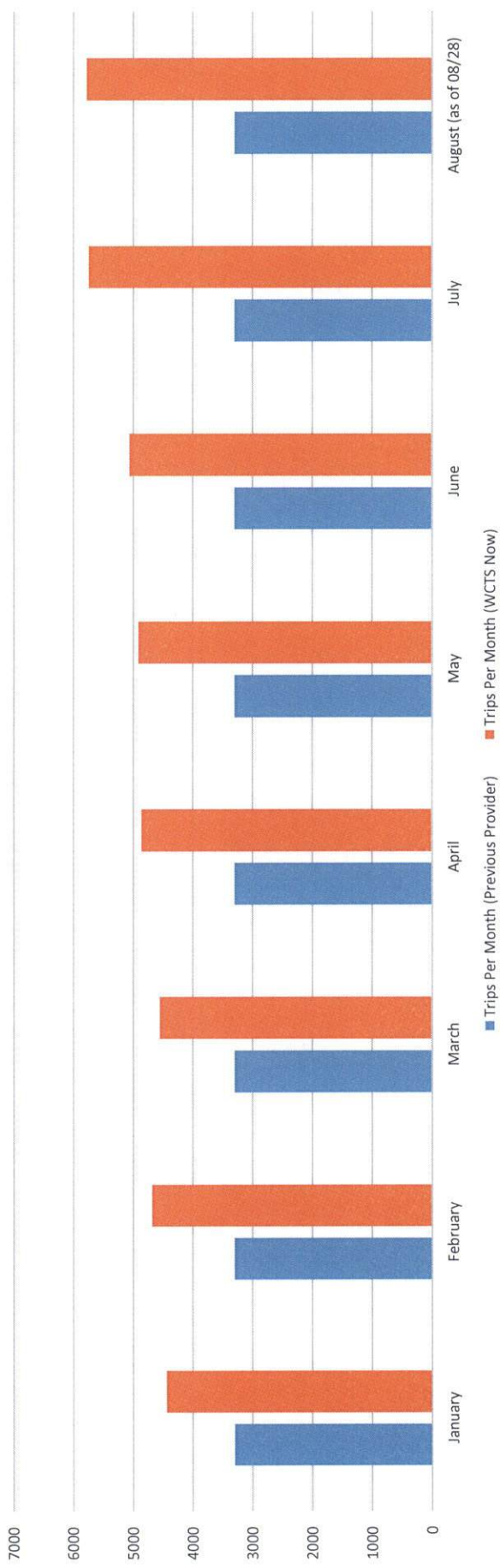
Trips Per Month (Previous Provider)



2024 — WCTS Now

- Since we have taken over in January 2024, ridership has seen an increase of anywhere between 32.65% to 70.08% per month as seen below.

WCTS Now



The Future



Demand is strong and we can expect it to sustain and/or increase during the fall and holiday season.



We are expecting a shipment of 4 new vehicles for the Transit service. This will help us accommodate more trips.



We are working on a system to eliminate tickets and send clients a reloadable, reusable rider card completely eliminating paper.

Questions?





MULBERRY AND SYCAMORE WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT

September 3, 2024



Water & Sewer Department

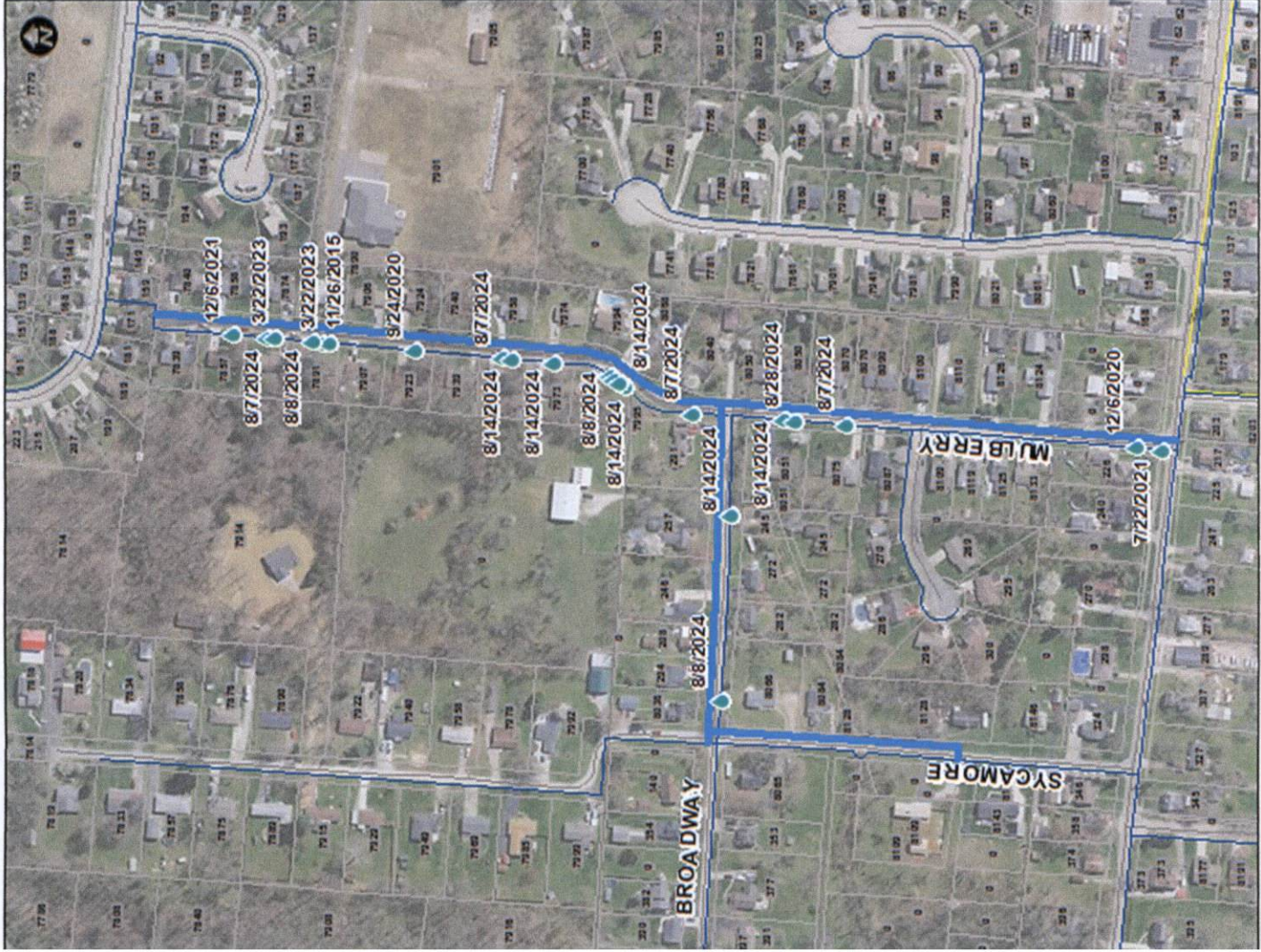
MULBERRY & BROADWAY STREETS

Water Main Replacement

- 3,500 feet of water line
- New water line to be installed in the roadway.
- Coordinate with Village of Maineville and Hamilton Township to preform water main replacement at same time as culvert replacement along Mulberry and Sycamore Streets.
- Estimated Budget Cost: \$880,000

Request:

- Amend the Water Capital Improvement Plan to include 3,500 feet of waterline.



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