

# Transportation Survey Comments



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## Southeast Wisconsin



I am currently unemployed, but many job opportunities that I look for must be in larger cities because I must be able to walk to the location or take public transport.

- Brenna from Milwaukee

There are times when I need to go to a morning doctor's appointment, and then fax something very important, or pick up a prescription on the way home, but cannot do more than one activity in a day with NEMT and Transit Plus!

- Gail from St Francis

Transportation in Waukesha County does not align with Milwaukee county transit to all locations with limitations on frequency and weekends or evenings. Can't get from MKE to Delafield frequently or places in Waukesha county where I would like to live due to safety and close to family.

- Patricial from Delafield

I must rely on my mother who also has a job. I am only just out of high school but I can see how this will impact me in the future.

- Liz from Brookfield

I live with my elderly grandparents. If they no longer can drive, I will have no transportation.

- Saige from Nashotah

I currently am in a wheelchair in an assisted living center. I cannot go shopping on my own or to social events because there is medical transportation only. I sometimes have to travel to Milwaukee to see my physicians. It is very expensive to arrange for a wheelchair van to get me there (\$250 round trip), which I can no longer afford.

- Lucille from Kenosha

My daughter relies heavily and solely on me (her mother) to take her where she needs to go. I don't feel like she can fully live independently if she tries to live separate from me. There is no transportation where we live that adequately accommodates her needs. Safety and reliability as well as convenience are lacking.

- Mary from West Bend

Bus stops near our home, but we need to transfer to three buses, even for locations less than 15 min by bus. Our daughter, uses Paratransit, which is not always dependable in terms of pick-up and drop-off times; is not always reliable; does not always work on weekends or after hours; does not cross county lines; and is very costly.

- Jacqueline from Brown Deer

Arranging rides for everything I need (not what I want!) is hard, expensive and gives me almost no emergency options if a ride doesn't show up. I have a great family and thankfully my parents are semi-retired and do a lot of my transportation but if something happened to them I would probably lose my job, my apartment and my ability to live an independent life.

- Julie from Brookfield

I feel like a burden to others... I have no freedom to go where and when I want.

- Zander from Waukesha

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## Southwest Wisconsin



I live on the outskirts of town. Some providers won't leave the city limits. Some will only provide transportation at certain times. Hiring someone to drive me only allows them mileage reimbursement when I'm in the vehicle. There is no public transportation. I am only 17 and I am still transported by my parents. But this is going to be a problem as I grow older because my parents both have to work.

- Nicole from Middleton

Finding providers to get to our rural home is challenging as they must have a reliable vehicle to get to our home and take me into community.

- Jeanne from McFarland

Currently living with my family and have difficulties getting home when I need to. Unable to go to things at night because there isn't transportation available to get home. Limits work, education, socializing, and volunteering.

- Brenda from Platteville

If I were to live on my own, I would not have any transportation.

- Jeremy from Platteville

If paratransit became too expensive or non-existent, I would not be able to maintain my employability.

- Casey from Madison

If my family could not provide rides, I would not be able to get to work. If my job coaches could not transport me from one job to the next, I would not be able to keep all of my jobs. (I have 4 jobs, I go to 2 different places daily Monday thru Friday.)

- Maria from Waunakee

Without family help, my daughter would not be able to get to work or shop for groceries and medicine or enjoy any extra activities that are not within walking distance. She may be eligible for paratransit but she would not be able to afford much of it, even with her job.

- Sheryl from Omro

We live in rural Wisconsin, each drive is a minimum of 10 miles, one way, not only are there no transportation options but there is not enough money in our budget to pay for it if I could find it.

- Anne from Monticello

In small rural communities it is hard to fill transportation needs. We give our son a ride everywhere he needs to go. It can be difficult at times as we have 3 other children. There are many times we schedule around or cancel things due to providing our son with transportation not to mention taking off work time.

- Angie from Darlington

My current transportation to and from my job cost me almost as much as I earn there.

- Nick from Cross Plains

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Without public transportation we are housebound and dependent on others when they have time to share.

- Aylssa from Hudson

Seeing a movie, attending community plays, concerts, and activities is quite difficult without a lot of advance planning.

- Anakin from Washburn

My mom is my only ride.

- Angie from Chippewa Falls

If anything happened to my parents, my brother or my best friends, I would not be able to get to work, go to my appointments or shopping without paying extra money for a taxi to get me there. I cannot afford \$8.00 taxi rides to any from my employment or to other activities.

- Melissa from Altoona

Low income doesn't allow some choices and rural living is a catch-22 - love the quiet, sometimes hate the lack of transportation options.

- Jane from Iron River

We only have one transit Bus for all people. Most of jobs require weekend work (tourist area) and it is hard to get a ride. Plus Sawyer county is a big spread out county, so it is hard for the bus company to accommodate every one.

- Julie from Hayward

I have worked part time only so I can give my son rides when he needs them. If he had other transportation available, it would give me more flexibility in the type of job I can have, and it would give my son more options.

- Pat from Prescott

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## Northeast Wisconsin



I have no family members in this area, nor should it be necessary. Commission on Aging & Northwoods busing provide no services on weekend or after 5pm.

- Suzanne from Eagle River

My bank is a need, not a want because I receive a check from work that is not direct deposit. I also need to get a cashier's check for rent every month.

- Alyson from Appleton

I thank God that I live with my daughter, who takes me where I need to go, without her I'd be lost.

- Bernard from Green Bay

Attempting to work, go to school full-time, volunteer and be active within the community is tremendously difficult. There are many opportunities I have had to miss out on. I can't take night classes and I have very limited employment opportunities (only Monday-Saturday first shift is an option). The lack of transportation makes my life tremendously stressful and has a very negative impact on my mental and physical health. I have to spend hours traveling on the bus what could be accomplished in a 10 minute car ride. I feel exhausted and left out of my community.

- Andrew from Oshkosh

Vilas County has one of the most aged populations in the state, yet near the least amount of resources. Affordable, flexible transportation is only going to grow more and more important as the population ages. Thankfully we only recently got access to a public transit system, but routes are still quite limited.

- SMC from Eagle River

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## Central Wisconsin



Access to rides on weekends severely limited, and cost-prohibitive. Community events and friend visits often foregone because no funding for "non-essential" trips. Fixed route bus system only in small city vicinity. Connecting cab rides so unreliable people have lost jobs. If needing accessible transportation in our town, better plan your whole life from 6:30 a.m.- 6:30 p.m. weekdays, within City Limits.

- Marelene from Amhurst Junction

Currently the bus service in the area does not operate on weekends or does not reach destinations such as my doctors office or work location. The other options are not always available or affordable.

- Lisa from Schofield

I don't have a license and couldn't afford a car even if I did. Two of my 3 kids have disabilities. I find it difficult to get to their multiple medical appointments, especially if they're in Marshfield. I walk a lot to get places I can when I'm not with my kids. When I'm with them we take the city bus or get rides from family and friends if we can. There are many places the bus doesn't go. The bus also doesn't run after 6pm and doesn't run at all on weekends.

- Laura from Wausau

I live out of town. Not being able to leave my home is very lonely. It would be nice to have some freedom. We do not make much money, but my husband cannot change jobs because his current boss is understanding of my need to go to doctor's appointment. When my husband takes off work for appointments, we lose money. I feel so helpless sometimes.

- Stacy from Wisconsin Rapids

Our Community transportation only runs weekdays (no weekend or evenings) and you have to schedule at least a day in advance.

- Melanie from Rhinelander