Where CAT goes, community grows

CAT AND GEISINGER PARTNER TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE MOBILITY: Capital Area Transit (CAT) and Geisinger have partnered to improve mobility in the capital region of south central Pennsylvania. Geisinger has made a $43,900 contribution to be used to purchase 550,000 CAT MyPass fare card media that will be used when customers purchase passes.

Guests and speakers attending the Geisinger – CAT press conference in July include (R to L) Rich Farr, CAT Executive Director; Eileen Evert, Geisinger Holy Spirit; Gary Eichelberger, Cumberland County Commissioner; Carolyn O'Brien and Roger Jones, CAT People with Disabilities Advisory Committee.

Public-Private partnerships, like CAT and Geisinger, enhance healthcare mobility and improve efficiency by providing more accurate route planning and bus stop locations. The MyPass system expedites boarding, facilitates improved on-time performance and provides more accurate passenger and financial data. For more formation, visit www.cattransit.com/mypass.

CAT BRINGS NEW TECHNOLOGY TO BUS FARE COLLECTION:

CAT has installed new fare boxes on its fixed route fleet with technology that helps faster boarding, provides convenient payment media, and track ridership data more accurately. Installation was completed in mid-June and more information, including an educational video, is available at www.cattransit.com/mypass .
CAT conducted rider training and distributed educational brochures onboard buses, at CAT offices, and on the CAT website. A fare box demonstration video is available on the CAT website to show riders how to use the new fare collection process. All staff has been trained on the use of the new fare box equipment. These Fareboxes are not available on Paratransit buses.

CAT SHARE-A-RIDE IS A DOOR-TO-DOOR SERVICE: Door-to-door service is based on the level of service that is appropriate for the consumer's physical and mental capacities. Verification is required from a medical provider, which may be obtained by the consumer or the MATP provider directly.

MATP IS A CURB-TO-CURB SERVICE: The transit vehicle picks up and drops off passengers at the curb or driveway in front of their home or destination. The curb-to-curb service is for consumers who need little if any assistance between the vehicle and the door of the pick-up point or destination. The assistance provided by the driver includes opening and closing the vehicle doors, helping the consumer enter or exit the vehicle, folding and storing the consumer's wheelchair or other mobility device as necessary, or securing the wheelchair or other wheeled mobility device in the vehicle. Unless requested, it does not include the lifting of any consumer. **Drivers do not leave their vehicle or enter any buildings.**

ADA ELIGIBILITY CAN BE TRANSFERRED WHEN TRAVELING OR RELOCATING: ADA regulations require public transit agencies providing paratransit service to make that service available to visitors if they provide documentation of ADA paratransit eligibility in the jurisdiction in which they reside. The transit operator is not required to provide such service to a visitor for more than 21 days during any 365-day period, after which the visitor will be required to apply for eligibility through the same process established for residents.

CAT FACT: CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS ARE AT AN ALL TIME LOW OF 28 COMPLAINTS PER 100,000 RIDERS

FIRST ACTOR USING A WHEELCHAIR TO WIN A TONY ON BROADWAY:

Ali Stroker on Tony night.

Shortly after stealing the Tony Awards show with her rollicking performance with the cast of "Oklahoma," Ali Stroker picked up best featured actress in a musical, becoming the first performer in a wheelchair to win a Tony. Smiling through tears to a standing ovation as she wheeled onto the stage, she said, "this award is for every kid who is watching tonight who has a disability, a limitation, a challenge, everyone who has been waiting to see themselves represented in this arena."

CAT FACT: CAT ridership has increased almost 8% since March.

COMMIUNITY HEALTH CHOICES (CHC): CHC is PA's new Medicaid Managed Care Program starting January 2020. The CHC Plan covers both emergency and non-emergency ambulance transport for ALL participants. If you are a Waiver participant, it will cover your **non-medical transportation.** The CHC Plan will be using brokers to schedule rides/verify eligibility. The Office of Long Term

Living encourages participants to watch their mail for more information beginning in August.

Department of Justice Recognizes 20ᵗʰ Anniversary of Olmstead v. L.C. Decision: The Department of Justice celebrates the 20th Anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision in Olmstead v. L.C. This landmark decision made clear that Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibits the unjustified segregation of individuals with disabilities in institutions. Robust federal enforcement of Title II's "integration mandate" continues today, with Civil Rights Division attorneys at trial in Jackson, Mississippi, litigating the Department's allegations of unnecessary segregation of adults with serious mental illness in state hospitals. The Division concluded another multi-week Olmstead trial last Fall on behalf of adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities consigned to nursing facilities in Texas. And just last month, the Department entered into a settlement agreement with West Virginia to expand that State's community-based service array for children with serious emotional or behavioral health disabilities.

LOOK FOR PENNSYLVANIA WIC ADVERTISING ON CAT BUSES IN JULY!

For more tips from the CAT PWD Advisory Committee, go to the CAT website at www.cattransit.com. To purchase CAT tickets and passes on line, click here