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Enjoy the Ride with our Trained Transit Operators

Woo hoo!!! You've just been hired as an Operator for Westmoreland Transit. Now, the training begins. In fact, all Operators must complete a 120-hour training program, which involves both classroom instruction and behind-the-wheel skill building. There's a lot to learn – driving skills for all types of weather and road conditions, turn-by-turns for all the routes (and adjusting for detours), keeping the bus on its scheduled arrival/departure times, fare zones, handling emergency situations, recognizing mechanical issues on the bus, how to professionally handle conflicts, and most importantly . . . ensuring that our riders have a safe trip. Well, you've made it and now you're qualified.

But hold on . . . it doesn't stop there. After the initial training, Operators have quarterly evaluations and attend monthly safety meetings to resolve concerns and learn about new safety policies and procedures.

So, hop on board WCTA. You're riding with a very well-trained professional Operator. Enjoy the ride!

Why are there bright-colored plastic tabs on the bus wheels?

Those little plastics tabs are called wheel checks. Wheel checks are used by many other transit agencies --and they are doing a big job for Westmoreland Transit!

WCTA mechanics put wheel checks on every one of our buses. When the wheel checks all line up, it shows that the lug nuts are all properly torqued (not too tight or too loose.) This helps keep the wheels on the bus.

Wheel checks are just one of the many details that your Operator will check when he or she pre-trips the bus. So, wheel checks do more than just look pretty. It's another safety feature that ensures WCTA buses are safe for our riders.



Did You Know?

Westmoreland County is very unique! In fact, it is one of the few counties that receive both rural and urban funding .



From left; General Manager Russell Brashear, Safety Manager Ronald Ream, Road Supervisor Michael Stephens, Operator Steven McBean.

Hats Off to You

Employees of National Express Transit were recognized at the February WCTA Board Meeting for their outstanding efforts outside their normal realm of duty. Kristeen Mozgawa, Michael Stephens, Rodney Smalls, Ronald Ream, Roy Browning, and Russell Brashear aided in assisting the Sisters of Charity when an emergency evacuation occurred. On a separate occasion, operator Stephen McBean acted quickly in assisting a rider having a medical emergency.

Route 4

Treat yourself to a day with friends and family to visit the sites in Oakland and downtown Pittsburgh!

In a little over an hour ride on WCTA route 4, you can visit sites in Oakland such as the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, the Carnegie Museum of Art, the Carnegie Library, Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, and Phipps Conservatory is

just a short walk up the hill.

WCTA route 4 travels route 30W through Wilkinsburg, Squirrel Hill, and Oakland on its way to downtown Pittsburgh. In Wilkinsburg, the route 4 travels close to the East Busway Wilkinsburg Station where you can connect with many Port Authority buses.

Well that sounds great, but how do you get there?

Monday through Friday, the route 4 departs the Transit Center to Pittsburgh every two hours beginning at 8:30 a.m., with the last trip at 4:30 p.m. The last bus to Greensburg departs Pittsburgh at 6:30 p.m. And, on Saturdays there are two trips. The bus departs Greensburg to

Pittsburgh at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The bus returns from Pittsburgh at 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.



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Transit:**

1-800-221-9282
M-F 5:30AM-8:30PM
Sat. 8:30AM-4:30PM

GO Westmoreland:

1-800-242-2706
M-F 8AM-4PM

On The Road

Since January, Westmoreland Transit staff has been out and about sharing information with members of the community.

Over the past several months, WCTA has visited with Latrobe Senior Center, Jeannette High School, Penn Trafford High School, Franklin Regional High School, and the West Newton Senior Center.



Shared-Ride

The GO Westmoreland Senior Shared-Ride Program is a feasible alternative to driving. Trips can be taken for any purpose, such as going to the grocery store, a medical appointment, or even the salon. Riding with GO Westmoreland allows older adults to confidently get to their destination, no matter the occasion. Funding for this door-to-door program is provided by the Pennsylvania State Lottery. Once enrolled in the program, older adults 65+ may travel at a discounted rate using GO Westmoreland. They would also be able to travel on any fixed-route bus service in the State for free.

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