

ALLIANCE FOR COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION (ACT)

Representing: Strafford County, Eastern Rockingham County, Brookfield and Wakefield

**PLEASE REGISTER BY APRIL 10th
REGISTRATION FOR APRIL 17th SUMMIT AT GREAT BAY GALLERY**

Name: _____

Organization/District/Town: _____

Phone Number: _____

Cell Number (to be used only in the event of urgent need to contact you): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Please send top half to:

Heather Hesse-Stromberg, 1 Wakefield Street, Suite 306, Rochester, NH 03867

Fax form to Heather at 603-335-8010 or email information to: hhesse-stromberg@straffordnetwork.org

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Questions about ACT? Contact Becky Silvia at 603-335-2210 or bsilvia@straffordnetwork.org

Questions about the Summit? Contact Heather Hesse-Stromberg at 603-755-2456

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SPRING SUMMIT

April 17th, 2009

8:00-12:30 (Continental Breakfast to be served)

Great Bay Gallery

25 Willand Drive, Somersworth, NH 03878

742-6822

www.greatbaygallery.com

Willand Drive is located off Route 108 between Hilltop Fun Center and Aquarius Pools.

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February 20, 2009

Dear Invitee,

Did you know that only 34 of NH's 234 communities have regular public transportation? Are you aware that one in five Americans over age 65 doesn't drive, while the senior population in Rockingham and Strafford Counties will more than double by 2020?

The members of the Alliance for Community Transportation (ACT) would like to invite you to attend a Transportation Summit on Friday, April 17th at Great Bay Gallery in Somersworth, NH from 8:00am-12:30pm. The Summit will highlight collaborative regional efforts to expand access to transportation for seniors and individuals with disabilities in Strafford, eastern Rockingham, and southern Carroll Counties. Invited speakers include NH's Department of Health and Human Services Commissioner Nicholas Toumpas and Department of Transportation Commissioner George Campbell. Invitees include state, county and municipal elected officials and staff; organizations involved in providing or purchasing transportation; consumers and other members of the public. We are grateful to the Endowment for Health for sponsoring this event.

ACT is a group of area agencies and consumers working to develop a regional transportation brokerage system, designed to coordinate reservations, scheduling and dispatching of rides for multiple agencies in the region that provide transportation. By combining trips, this sort of coordination can expand access for riders, while optimizing use of existing resources. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at Community Partners on 113 Crosby Road in Dover from 1:00-2:30pm. You are always welcome to join us.

The Summit is an opportunity for you to:

- ❖ learn about State initiatives to support regional transit coordination around New Hampshire
- ❖ learn about the transportation needs of seniors and disabled adults in the region through the results of a recent survey by the University of New Hampshire and a panel of consumers;
- ❖ learn more about ACT's work to improve transportation access in your community; and
- ❖ share your ideas for improving transportation access in the region

We are eager to share the exciting changes anticipated in our region. If you have any questions about ACT please contact Becky Silvia at 335-2210 or bsilvia@straffordnetwork.org. If you have any questions about the Summit please contact Heather Hesse-Stromberg at hhesse-stromberg@straffordnetwork.org or 755-2456.

Please register by April 10th using the enclosed form.

Sincerely,

Members of the ACT Planning Committee:

*Avis Goodwin Community Health Center
COAST
Community Partners
Consumers of Transportation Services*

*NHDHHS Medicaid Program
Rockingham Planning Commission
Strafford Regional Planning Commission
Strafford Network*