

Garrett County Transportation Research Summary Aug2018

\* One on one discussions with both last two GTS operational directors resulted in possible good ideas ( better utilization) on both sides. GTS was trying some good ideas, especially on Out of County health runs!

\* It was a no-brainer to determine GTS was running mostly empty, but no exact figure from GTS seems to be available.

\* Much low hanging fruit on GTS utilization were still available. Agreed a full day regular runs on Rt219 is not likely fruitful. Possible worker transport along Rt219 & other GC major work related roads still needs more looking.

\* One idea brought up was storing a GTS vehicle in Grantsville area & possibly a take home like MSP does. Needs analysis of Grantsville & Friendsville GTS runs.

\* Medical GTS runs utilization issues were discussed. Was the medical appointment (out of County) driven by patient, doctor, or GTS? IE, how to maximize GTS utilization by working with the parties involved.

\* GTS should make available to GC folks their regular work related runs that might match other GC workers on roads used & possible starting & final designations. Possible commute transport match up?

\* One possible Win-Win Idea I had came from looking for better GC worker utilization. Assuming there are potential workers in GC that are in a one car family situation as a reason not to be a two worker family. Also, how to maximize employing GC residents for GC companies.

GC to set up work time morning & going home times GTS runs along major roads where employees work ( 219 & 135? ) Stopping for pick-ups at major parking areas along the routes such as McHenry shopping center, Garrett College, Walmart, Thayerville, etc. Say 2-4 morning runs & same evening runs.

So where does the Win-Win kick in? GC government will pay a fee to transport, say a dollar & it will be ONLY for GC based residents. They ride only if they have the special ID or card. Garrett county gains an in county worker & their tax dollars & likely in county shopping. \

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\* These are quick summaries of ideas discussed before with others involved. All need more brainstorming & discussion before they can be fleshed out.

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