



Friends of Transit is a group of interested citizens and stakeholders promoting improved, expanded, and coordinated public transportation.

Together, we envision working toward a regionally coordinated transit system connecting the tri-plex area: Ottawa, Kent, and Muskegon Counties. With this type of system, businesses are prosperous and people move easily throughout their communities. MAX Transit has been progressing towards their mission of creating a sustainable transportation system to be used by all residents of the Macatawa area with linkages to other transit systems.

Since its inception in 2000, MAX has provided over 2.1 million rides. In 2010, MAX provided 339,422 passenger trips, a 7.2% increase from 2009. MAX continues to increase its ridership because as a recent transportation survey indicated: 82% of passengers ride MAX because it is their only means of transportation!

On November 7, 2006, voters in Holland City and Holland Charter Township overwhelmingly passed a transit millage to provide stable local funding for MAX Transit. As a result, MAX has made several improvements to their system, including:

- + creating a multi-modal transportation hub
- + reduced fares for seniors and individuals with disabilities
- + free fares for Medicaid and Medicare card holders
- + increased the number of fixed routes
- + expanding service hours
- + internally manages all MAX operations
- + mobile data computer equipped with GPS and AVL
- + 10 new vehicles including one bio-diesel for a safer ride
- + new construction of operation building

In May, 2011, voters in the City of Holland and Holland Charter Township will be asked to support a renewal millage of 0.4 mills. This renewal will not only allow MAX to continue providing excellent service to the community, but also make improvements in continuing to provide effective and efficient services to community residents.

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