

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

**between CENTRAL AREA RURAL TRANSIT SYSTEM, INC. (CARTS)
and Coordinating Area-wide Community CARTS Advisory PARTNERS**

Purpose

This Memorandum of Agreement is between the Central Area Rural Transit System, Inc. (CARTS) and the following individual or agency representative. The undersigned agrees to participate as a CARTS Advisory PARTNER in providing community coordination and support for the CARTS Board of Directors. The PARTNERS represent public, profit, and nonprofit agencies; public interest and user groups; and individuals supporting and utilizing transportation. The undersigned agrees to participate in the area-wide community coordination effort to provide public transportation services in the Central Kenai Peninsula area, such as purchase of rides, promotion of the system, soliciting support for community transit, and actively assisting with the program.

Overview

In 1998, a group of organizations and agencies in Central Kenai Peninsula area agreed to develop a plan to coordinate and enhance needed transportation services. The planning process resulted in the development of an Access Center model to utilize existing agency vehicles in a collaborative manner to increase efficiency and to better serve users, without sacrificing current service.

Goals

This program is designed to increase the transportation options for the residents of the Central Kenai Peninsula. In order to meet their goals, the Central Area Rural Transit System, Inc. will contract with a multitude of service providers using a variety of vehicle types. The CARTS Board of Directors establishes policies and sets standards for vehicles, insurance, service requirements, communications, safety, and operations. Transportation will be assigned to providers based on the needs of the individual. In an effort to reduce the overall costs to the program CARTS reserves the right to assign more than one individual to a vehicle. Scheduling decisions are not based solely on cost, but include consideration of the quality of service.

Operations

The CARTS Staff will actively solicit and administer grant funds for public transportation, and will be community advocates for mobility and freedom. All rides will be scheduled in advance, and CARTS staff will dispatch trips to providers and volunteer drivers. All CARTS services prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status.

Agreement

The undersigned agree to commit to participation in this transit system as detailed in the Central Kenai Peninsula Public Transportation Plan, published in April 2000.

Agency or Printed Name

Signature and Title

Date

Central Area Rural Transit System, Inc. _____