

CamTran

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

CONNECTING CAMBRIA COUNTY





EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S TRANSIT TALK

From fixed route to shared ride, public transportation services are thriving in Cambria County. In 2014-2015 CamTran made over 1.2 million trips. Over 120,000 of those trips were rural trips. And while the Inclined Plane was down numerous times for maintenance in 2014-2015 we still hosted over 43,000 riders.

The people of Cambria County who utilize our transportation services depend on us to get them to work, doctor's appointments and as a lifeline to be active in the community.

As we look to the future, our focus will continue to be on the customer and how we can better serve their transportation needs. As the public transportation authority in Cambria County, we have an obligation to connect the County through transit in an effort to enhance the quality of life by providing dependable and efficient transportation services.

Rose M. Lucey-Noll
Executive Director

FINDMyRidePA.org

FindMyRidePA is an initiative in cooperation with PennDOT, which allows individuals to identify transportation options and book a ride through the FindMyRidePA website.



Students and faculty attend kiosk training at the Hiram G. Andrews Center in Johnstown, PA

The project initially focused on veterans and their families. The project has been deployed in six other counties including Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon and York.



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Reserve-A-Ride

3,331 Trips for Work

3,487 Foster Grandparent Trips

4,889 Adult Day Care Trips

15,933 Shopping Trips

17,706 Senior Center Trips

CamTran 2014-2015 Statistics

URBAN SERVICE

Passengers: 1,076,037
 Total Hours of Service: 71,545
 Total Miles Operated: 832,738
 Total Revenue Miles: 779,671
 Operating Revenues: \$768,921
 Federal Funding: \$0.00
 State Funding: \$5,076,437

RURAL SERVICE

Passengers: 129,084
 Total Hours of Service: 40,460
 Total Miles Operated: 754,250
 Total Revenue Miles: 641,351
 Operating Revenues: \$811,642
 Federal Funding: \$0.00
 State Funding: \$1,622,935

INCLINED PLANE

Inclined Plane Passengers: 43,670
 Total Hours of Service: 810
 Total Miles Operated: 2,055
 Total Revenue Miles: 2,055
 Operating Revenues: \$168,131
 Federal Funding: \$0.00
 State Funding: \$377,103

*Inclined Plane was closed for major repairs during peak season. Normal annual ridership is 100,000

Service Area: Cambria County/Windber Borough

Square Miles: 693 Miles Population: 137,732



Johnstown
Inclined Plane

Strong Working Relationship Aids First Responders

Through relationships and communication CamTran officials and local fire, police and EMS personnel have developed an excellent rapport over the years. Anytime there is a fire, first responders know that CamTran will be there. Whether in the winter to use the bus as a warming station or in the summer to use the bus as a cooling station, CamTran can be counted on to do our part.



Additionally, CamTran participates in a variety of drills and exercises throughout the year in an effort to educate and prepare for any emergencies that may occur.

CamTran Launches New Website

CamTran entertained bids from local and national companies to design their new website. 50 Marketing, a local company was selected based on experience and overall presentation.

Authority Board Member Trish Corle said, "Of the proposals submitted, 50 Marketing had the most experience."

Out of the three proposals received, 50 Marketing's presentation was the most innovative and impressive, said Josh Yoder, CamTran's Director of Marketing and Planning.

John Mcdowell, CIO at 50 Marketing commented on the professionalism and efficiency with which the CamTran team performed during the design, programming, and go-live of the website.

"Josh and his team were fantastic to work with throughout the entire process. The project was completed ahead of schedule and on budget. We really appreciated working with the CamTran team."

The following are features of the new CamTran Website:

- Responsive Design
- CMS- (Content Management System)
- ADA Compliant
- Social Media Integration
- Integration of third-party applications via Avail for CamTranLive

A Tourist Destination Second to None

Spectacular views and history abounds at the historic Johnstown inclined Plane. Whether visitors are seeking a history lesson on the steepest vehicular Inclined Plane in the world or the history of the Johnstown Floods, they can find it at the Inclined Plane.

While ridership numbers reflected the Inclined Plane being closed due to maintenance several times in 2015 Inclined Plane officials are optimistic about the future.

A major rehabilitation will be needed in the next 12-18 months, and is estimated to cost between \$7-\$9 million dollars. Once completed, these projects will give the community and visitors alike a renewed sense of history and nostalgia when visiting the historic Johnstown Inclined Plane.



CamTran Receives Beautification Award

The Johnstown Chamber of Commerce gives beautification awards to recognize individuals, companies, and organizations for efforts that add to the aesthetics of the area by improving their properties or key access points to Greater Johnstown/Cambria County. Based on their newly constructed Operations, Maintenance and Administrative facility CamTran was honored with this prestigious award.



Inclined Plane gets new Hoist & Safety Cables

In April of 2015, during a routine maintenance inspection the hoist cables and the safety cables were inspected. As a result of the inspection CamTran officials chose to have the hoist and safety cables replaced.

In June of 2015, the hoist and safety cables were replaced. Interstate Equipment Company, located in Pittsburgh, PA did the work. The crew from Interstate Equipment Company was extremely knowledgeable and very professional and completed the project in a timely manner.

Although we were closed from the middle of April through the middle of June, we took the approach of safety first as we always do and addressed the issue head on. In the end the Inclined Plane opened to anxious visitors and customers seeking the history and views the Inclined Plane is known for.



Safety Exercise Held at the Inclined Plane

CamTran participated in a safety exercise on Sunday, September 20, 2015 at the historic Johnstown Inclined Plane.

Participants conducted a walk-through of the emergency shutdown procedures and equipment of the Inclined Plane. The exercise was initiated by Johnstown & Westmont Fire Departments and included training of their own personnel on:

- Rescue technique
- Rope & blocking
- Patient securement & extraction
- Familiarization with Incline Plane equipment

The exercise was a very good learning experience for all parties involved. In particular, Inclined Plane operators & conductors were on-site to watch, learn and understand their duties and understand procedures during an emergency.

Fire Departments and EMS thought the exercise was a big success with minimal issues. Mutual cooperation was the key to a positive outcome and strengthens the working relationship between CamTran employees and emergency personnel.



First Compressed Natural Gas Bus Dedicated

CamTran officials dedicated their first compressed natural bus (CNG) on Friday, May 29, 2015.

The CNG bus replaced a 2000 series bus that had exceeded its useful life. The new bus is a 29-foot, low-floor CNG heavy duty bus.

The idea of purchasing a CNG bus was the vision of the Board of Directors as well as the Cambria County Commissioners for quite some time. The bus will improve the air quality and demonstrate CamTran's commitment to use alternative fuels to help reduce costs while improving the quality of air in Cambria County. Several funding sources were used to pay for the new CNG bus, particularly, federal, state and local monies.

"Natural gas buses operate more efficiently, with less pollution than diesel vehicles. They are also quieter," said CamTran Board of Directors Chairman Ed Cernic, Jr.

"The new CNG, 30-passenger bus will be able to operate in both our rural and urban service areas," said CamTran Executive Director Rose M. Lucey-Noll.



Rose M. Lucey-Noll, Executive Director talks with U.S. Senator Bob Casey prior to the CNG bus dedication.



(l-r) Commissioner Doug Lengenfelder, State Rep. Frank Burns, board member Tom Gramling, Commissioner Mark Wissinger, board member Fred Kuzma, State Rep. Bryan Barbin, CamTran Executive Director Rose M. Lucey-Noll, Congressman Keith Rothfus, CamTran Board Chairman, Ed Cernic, Jr., U.S. Senator Bob Casey, State Senator John Wozniak, State Transportation Commission member Ed Cernic, Sr., Commissioner Tom Chernisky, Mayor Frank Janakovic and board member Tom Leiden.

CNG
Clean Air Technology

CamTran Employees Shine!

Every year the Pennsylvania Public Transportation Association recognizes superstars of transit from the various transit agencies across Pennsylvania. The format for last year's Superstars of Transit award was changed from an internal nomination format to a statewide initiative with nominations being made and judging being conducted by a panel of unbiased judges who were totally removed from Public Transit agencies in Pennsylvania.

An essay outlining the various reasons the person and/or project was nominated had to accompany each nomination. In the end, CamTran fared extremely well winning five of the eight categories. The winners are as follows:

Outstanding Front Line Staff: Fred Pinkas, Urban Bus Operator

Outstanding Board Member: Construction Committee (Ed Cernic, Jr., Tom Gramling, Tim Whited & Fred Kuzma)

Distinguished Service Award for Community Service (Project/Program): Shared Ride/ Reserve-a-Ride Service

Rising Star: Jennifer Gojmerac, Human Resources Assistant

System Achievement: CamTran New Facility Project

The winners received their award at the PPTA Awards Luncheon in Lancaster on April 7, 2015.



(l-r) Pam Holtz, Bernie Walkowsky, Fred Pinkas, Rose Lucey-Noll, Eric Drotar, Tabatha McCormick & Jennifer Gojmerac

Giving Back...CamTran & Community Involvement!



(l-r) Tabatha McCormick & Jennifer Gojmerac



CamTran is always looking for ways to give back and get involved in the local community. Throughout the year CamTran participates in local initiatives such as the annual United Way fund drive as well as adopting a local family to provide a memorable and fulfilling Christmas. Additionally, CamTran participates in the annual Johnstown Halloween and Christmas parades as well as the Discover Downtown Johnstown Clean-Up project. This past Thanksgiving CamTran held an internal food drive and through that effort was able to provide 5 families Thanksgiving dinner with all of the trimmings.

CamTran Honors Veterans

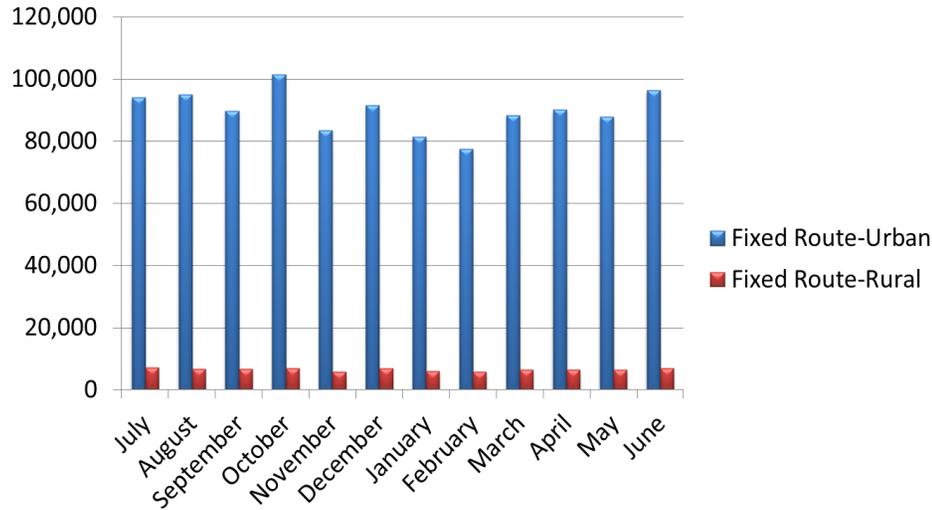
In an effort to honor employees on Veterans Day, CamTran officials asked employees who served in the armed forces to provide details of their service along with a picture. Employees who chose to participate were honored with a certificate and had their information displayed for co-workers to see.



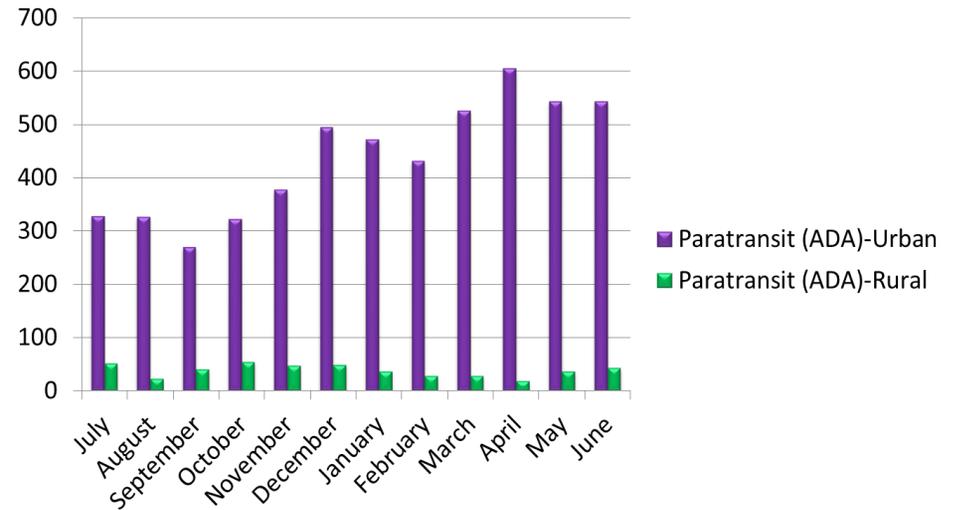
(l-r) Dan Brown & Rose Lucey-Noll

2014-2015 RIDERSHIP

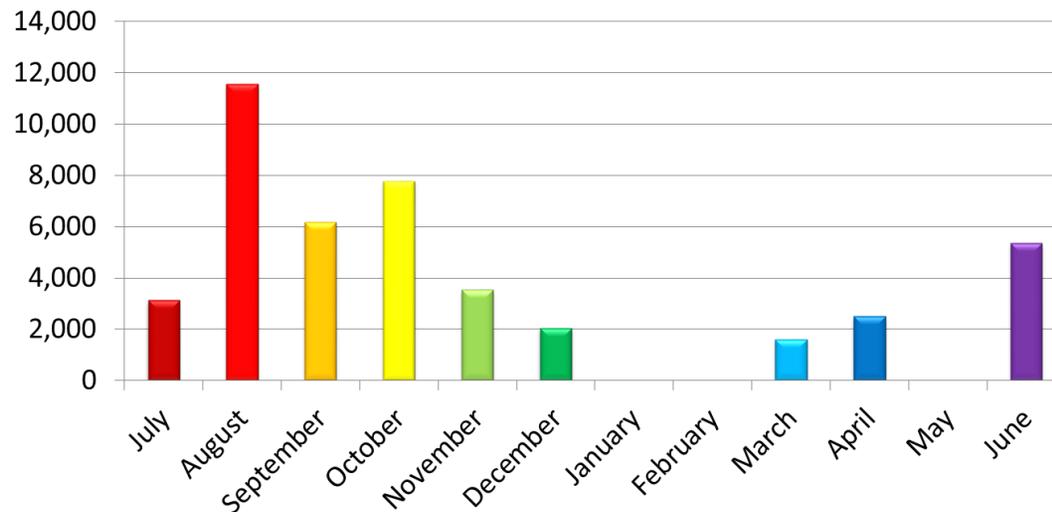
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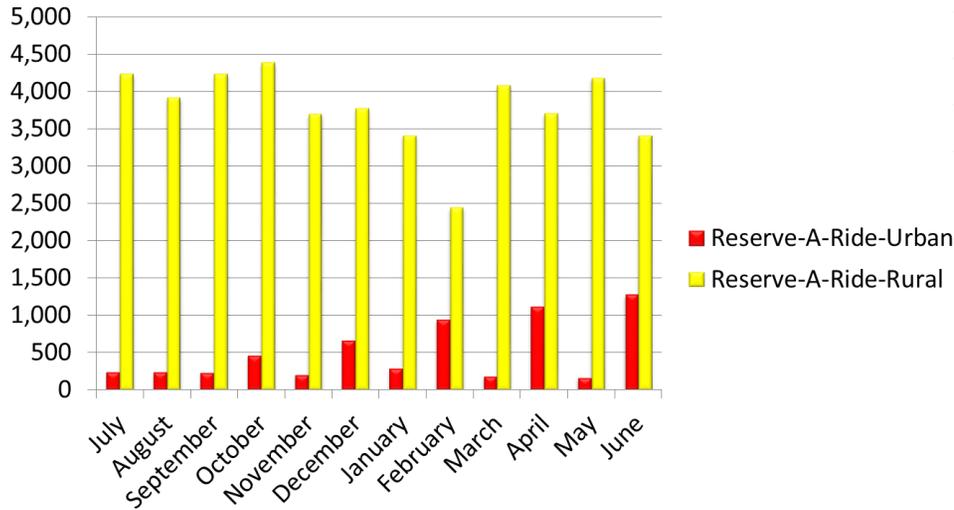
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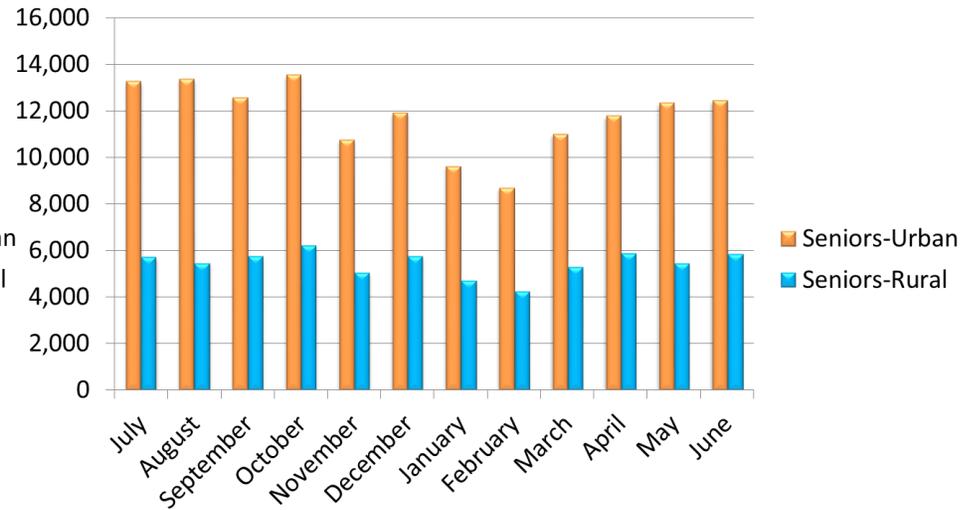
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2014-2015 RIDERSHIP

Reserve-A-Ride/Shared Ride

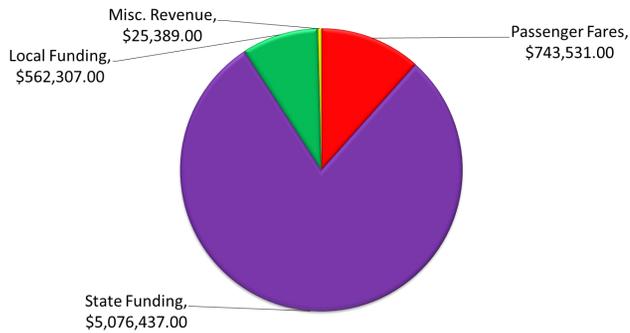


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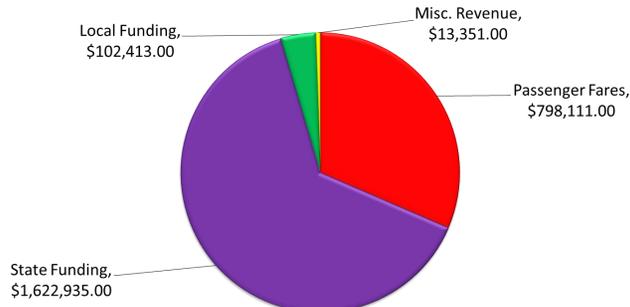


2014-2015 REVENUE & FUNDING

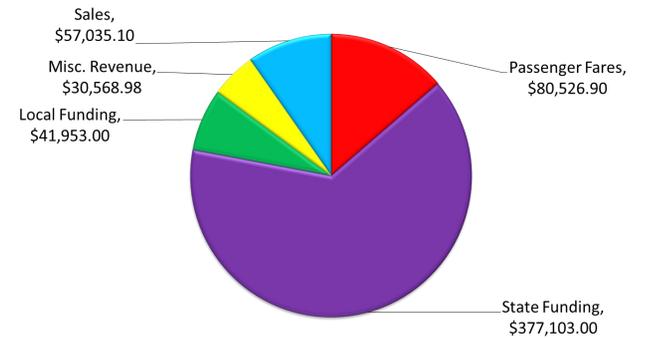
Urban Service



Rural Service



Inclined Plane



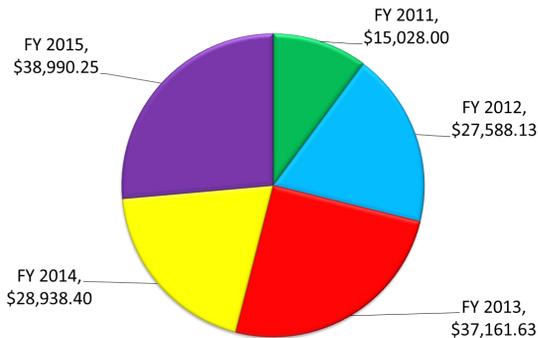
2014-2015 Bus Board Advertising

Transit advertising continues to be a vital source of revenue for CamTran. Each year CamTran works diligently to increase awareness of transit advertising as a viable marketing tool for local, regional and national businesses. The results of those who have taken advantage of advertising with CamTran have been excellent. From visibility in the community to attracting volunteers to increasing awareness, CamTran advertising offers a variety of options to get the customer their desired results.

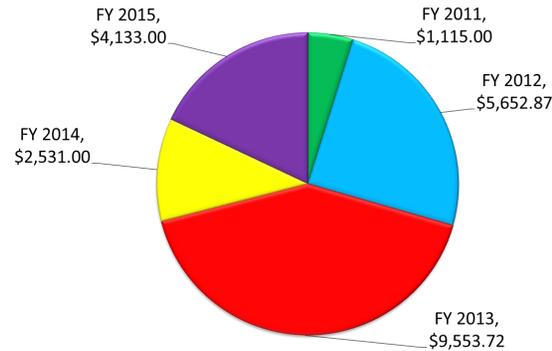
As the demand continues to grow for advertising space on CamTran buses so does the positive image that it portrays in the community. We accommodate a variety of advertisers from local non-profit agencies to the PA Lottery. People on the bus as well as driving or walking on the street see that CamTran is a community partner in the advertising arena and provides advertising space for messages that have an impact on the community as a whole.



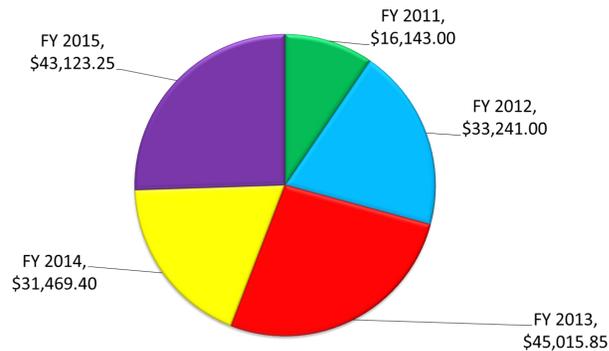
Urban Service



Rural Service



Total



2015 in Review

2015 was a monumental year at CamTran. With compressed natural gas (CNG) being discussed in so many circles, CamTran took the leap and received our first CNG bus in May 2015. CamTran has a dedication to converting our buses to CNG which will produce a noticeable savings in operating costs and result in operating more efficiently.

As technology continues to change and grow so does the way we do business. Our website is a big part of how we convey information to our valued customers. In 2015 we launched our new and improved website. The project was a major undertaking but the end product is a more functional website that is easier to navigate and provides our valued customers up to date information that is clear and concise.

As we looked for new and creative ways for our customers to utilize our services to their benefit we keyed in on the monthly Produce to People event held at the Johnstown Vo-Tech. What started as a grassroots effort has grown to a major undertaking resulting in a steady increase of customers utilizing our shared ride service to go to this very beneficial monthly event.

As we look to the future there is a lot of work that needs to be done which will be beneficial to our customers. A conversation to coordinate bus service with AMTRAN in Altoona is planned. Also, a revision of our rural fixed route service is planned and we will press on with the conversion of our fleet to CNG. The future of public transportation is bright and we will continue to work diligently in connecting Cambria County via our numerous transportation services!

Future Projects

- PennDOT P3 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) public/private fueling station (CamTran is the first to go live in 2016)
- Order three urban CNG buses
- Order six rural CNG buses
- Proceed with major Inclined Plane rehab projects



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