

The Capital Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS) is a political subdivision of Texas that Texas Transportation Code Chapter 458 authorized to establish in 1978, and therefore receives state funds for transit services. Since then, CARTS has served as a rural transit district (RTD) for nine counties in central Texas, including Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Travis, and Williamson Counties. In 2012, the U.S. Census Bureau designated San Marcos as an urbanized area (UZA) based on the results of the 2010 U.S. Census. Therefore, CARTS also serves as an urban transit district (UTD) for the San Marcos UZA.

As an RTD, CARTS operates the demand-response service Country Bus in rural areas of its service area; the flex bus service Bastrop Transit within the city limits of Bastrop; and commuter services providing connections between Smithville/Bastrop and Austin. CARTS also operates scheduled regional bus service (Interurban) that connects Austin and 17 surrounding cities. Seven CARTS stations are located in Austin, Bastrop, Georgetown, Round Rock, San Marcos, Smithville, and Taylor. They also serve as Greyhound stations. In addition, CARTS provides connections to intercity bus service with connections to Greyhound, Arrow Trailways and Kerrville Bus Lines. As a UTD, CARTS operates fixed-route bus and complementary ADA paratransit services within the city limits of San Marcos. The brand name of this service changed from CARTS Around Town to THE BUS, effective January 5, 2015.

CARTS maintains interlocal governmental agreements (ILAs) with the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Capital Metro) and Travis County. Under the ILA with Capital Metro, CARTS provides transit services for Georgetown, Del Valle, Northeast Austin, Jonestown/Lago Vista as well as a collaborative commuter service between Elgin and Austin. For Travis County, services are provided to the rural portion of Travis County for access to County sponsored services such as congregate meal centers. CARTS also contracts with Logisticare Solutions to provide non-emergency medical transportation for Medicaid eligible residents in its service area.

CARTS is governed by a board made up of a member from each of the nine county commissioners courts and an appointed representative of the San Marcos City Council.



## **Rural Transit District**

- Service Area Population<sup>1</sup>: 511,043
- Service Area Land Area<sup>2</sup>: 6,979 Sq. Miles
- Unlinked Passenger Trips<sup>3</sup>: 573,260
- Revenue Fleet<sup>3</sup>: 116 Vehicles



# Rural Transit District Services

## Service Information

### Demand-Response Service (Country Bus)

For the general public and eligible participants of Medical Transportation Program and Bluebonnet Trails Mental Health Mental Retardation.

Available in non-UZA of Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Travis, and Williamson Counties, and UZA in Georgetown.

#### One-Way Fare Structure:

- Base fare: \$1.00 (In-town) or \$4.00 (Out-of-town)
- Discounted fare<sup>a</sup>: half fare
- Free fare<sup>b</sup>

#### Fare Media:



### Commuter Bus Service

Metro Connector connects to Capital Metro services and two commuter routes connect Smithville and Bastrop to Austin on a monthly subscription basis.

**One-Way Fare:** Monthly passes only

#### Fare Media:



### Regional Bus Service (Interurban Coach)

Nine bus lines connect Austin and surrounding cities: Bastrop, Betram, Burnet, Elgin, Georgetown, Giddings, Hutto, La Grange, Liberty Hill, Lockhart, Luling, Marble Falls, Paige, Round Rock, San Marcos, Smithville, and Taylor.

#### One-Way Fare Structure:

- Zone 1: \$2.00 (Intra-county)
- Zone 2: \$4.00 (Inter-county)

#### Fare Media:



### Flexible Transit Service (Bastrop Transit)

Three flex routes available in the city limits of Bastrop.

#### One-Way Fare Structure:

- Base fare: \$1.00
- Discounted fare<sup>a,b</sup>: \$0.50
- Free fare<sup>c</sup>

#### Fare Media:



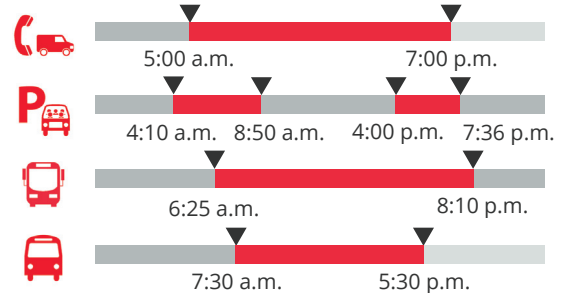
- Notes:**
- <sup>a</sup> People with disabilities, and seniors (65+).
  - <sup>b</sup> Eligible Medicare cardholders.
  - <sup>c</sup> Children (under 5) with paying customer.

## Operating Time (Excluding Holidays)

### Operating Days by Mode

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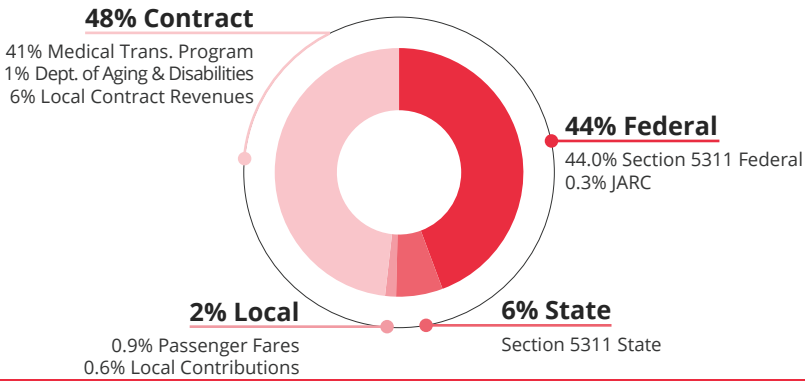
### Operating Hours by Mode



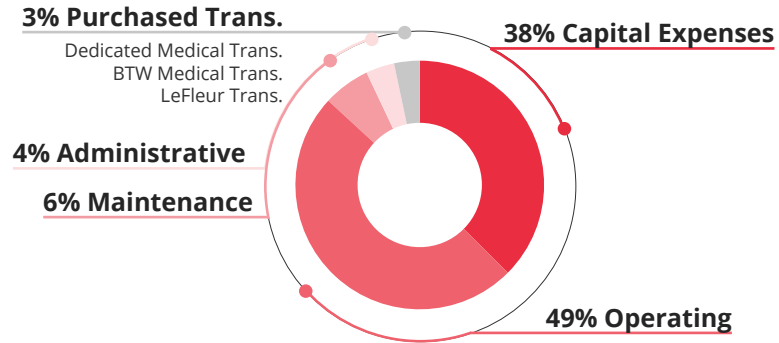


## FY 2014 Financial Status<sup>3</sup>

### \$ Revenues in Fiscal Year 2014

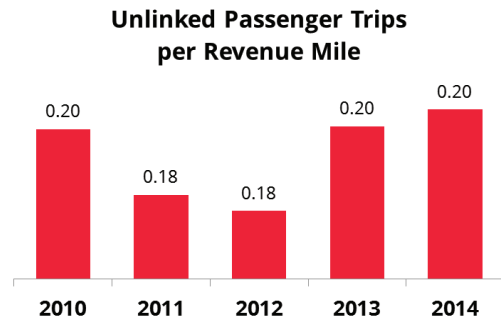


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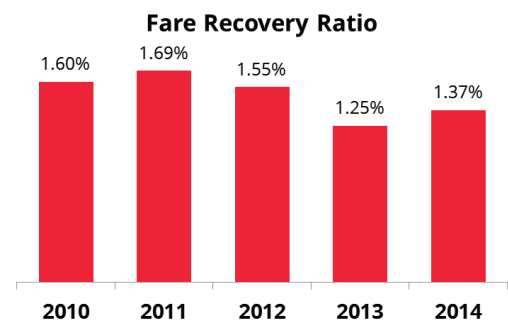
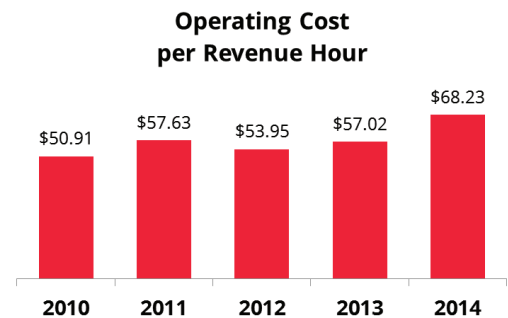


## FY 2010-2014 Performance Measures<sup>3</sup>

### ⌚ Productivity in the Past 5 Years



### ⌚ Efficiency in the Past 5 Years





## Urban Transit District

### For San Marcos UZA

- Service Area Population<sup>1</sup>: 48,291
- Service Area Land Area<sup>2</sup>: 30 Sq. Miles
- Unlinked Passenger Trips<sup>3</sup>: 144,936
- Revenue Fleet<sup>3</sup>: 14 Vehicles



## Urban Transit District Services

### Service Information



#### Local Bus Service (THE BUS)

Seven bus routes available within the city limits of San Marcos.

##### One-Way Fare Structure:

- Base fare: \$1.00
- Discounted fare<sup>a,b</sup>: \$0.50
- Free fare<sup>c</sup>

##### Fare Media:



##### Notes:

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#### ADA Paratransit Service

Available in areas within 3/4-mile on both sides of the fixed-route bus service.

Reservation must be made at least 5 p.m. the day before, up to 14 days in advance.

##### One-Way Fare Structure:

- Base fare: \$2.00
- Discounted fare: \$1.00

##### Fare Media:



### Operating Time (Excluding Holidays)



#### Operating Days by Mode



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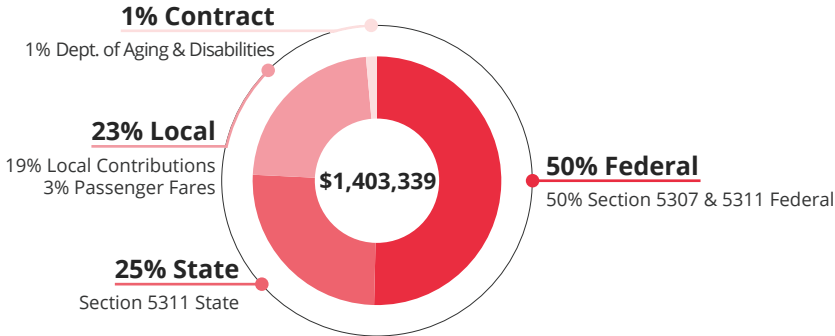


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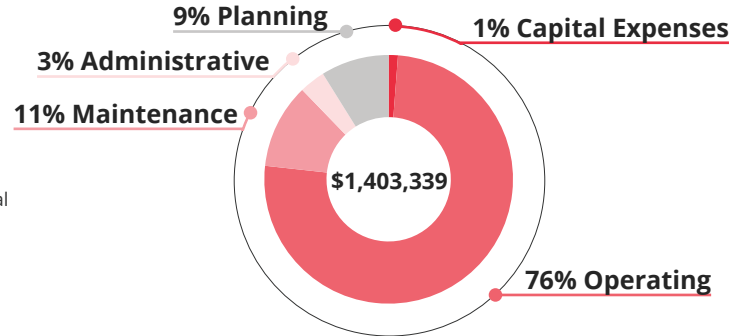
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## FY 2014 Financial Status<sup>3</sup>

### Revenues in Fiscal Year 2014



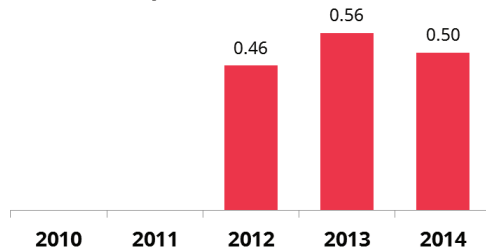
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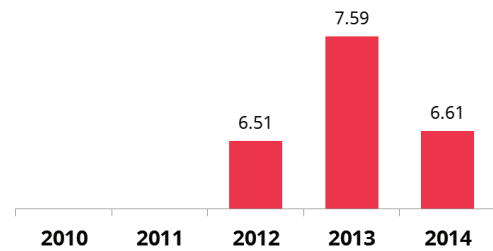
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### Productivity in the Past 5 Years

Unlinked Passenger Trips per Revenue Mile

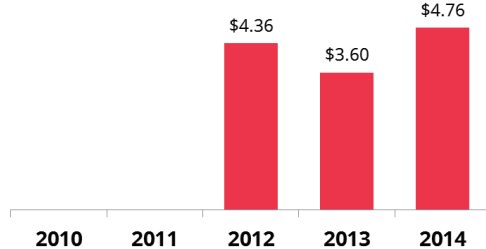


Unlinked Passenger Trips per Revenue Hour

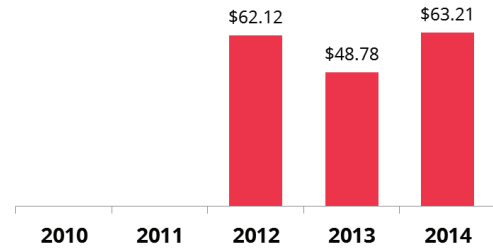


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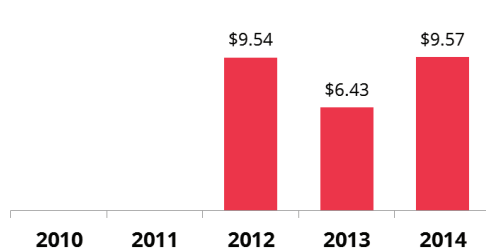
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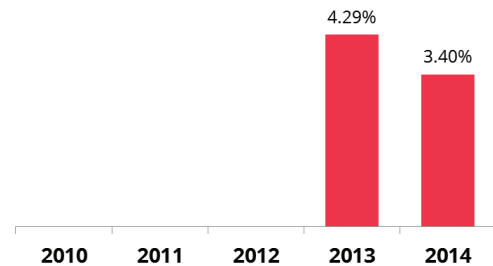
Operating Cost per Revenue Hour



Operating Cost per Passenger



Fare Recovery Ratio



## Projects in the 2015–2018 STIP<sup>4</sup>

Implementation Year	Project Name	Cost
2015	CARTS District San Marcos UZA Operations	\$1,470,508
2015	San Marcos Fixed Operations	\$1,800,000
2015	Smart Bus Transit Technology	\$120,000
2015	San Marcos Fixed Routes	\$8,400,000
2015	San Marcos Station	\$1,500,000
2015	Smart Bus Transit Technology	\$240,000
2015	Taylor Station Build-Out	\$625,000
2015	Digital Network Upgrade	\$1,625,000
2015	Elgin Transit Center	\$3,750,000
2015	Marble Falls Station	\$62,500
2015	Rolling Stock/Buses	\$13,125,000
2015	Passenger Shelters and Amenities	\$312,500
2015	Southeast Austin Facility	\$11,625,000

### Data Sources:

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2009–2013 5-Year Estimates and 2010 Census Summary File 1.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2013 TIGER/Line Shapefiles: Places, and Urban Areas.

<sup>3</sup> Texas Department of Transportation, Public Transportation Division PTN-128 Fiscal Year 2011–2014 data.

<sup>4</sup> Texas Department of Transportation, Proposed 2015–2018 District Statewide Transportation Improvement Programs.

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