



AROOSTOOK REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

Background

Incorporated in July 1979

Formed originally to provide transportation to ACAP, CAA, and AAAA clients.

Board of Directors represent the entire region and a variety of disciplines.

Only transportation provider in the region.



Service Area

- ✓ **Primarily Aroostook County but also serves northern Washington County (Danforth) and northern Penobscot (Patten area).**
- ✓ **65 organized towns including 2 cities, 3 larger communities,. but mainly small rural communities**
- ✓ **Approximately 6,600 square miles-largest county east of the Mississippi.**
- ✓ **No communities over 10,000 in population**

The Region

39% above the state average for households with disabilities

33% above the state average for households below poverty

29% lower than the state average median household income

52% higher than the state average for households receiving SNAP benefits

17% above the state average for people 65 years old and older

17% above the state average for single parent households

- 40% live more than 5 miles from the nearest grocery store
- 24% live more than 20 miles away from the nearest hospital
- 26% find it “somewhat” or “very difficult” to access alternative transportation

Current Services

Demand Response

Cancer Care

Medical Appointments

Veterans Services

Workforce Pilot

Public Transportation (Saturday in Presque Isle)

ARTS serves each community in the region at least one day per week.....in most cases two

Overviews

STAFF

Executive Director

7 Office Staff

2 Maintenance Staff

21 Drivers

INFRASTRUCTURE

15 vehicles (ADA/FTA compliant)

- Buses
- School buses
- Vans

Most vehicles purchased using Federal funds with local match. Several purchased with local funds.

Central office located in Presque Isle. Buses housed in both the St. John Valley and Houlton areas.

Recently completed energy efficiency projects

FTA/MaineDOT-
\$1,728,600

DHHS-\$458,616

Veterans
Administration-
\$205,000

MotiveCare-
\$185,000

Local Contracts-
40,000

Fares- \$41,000

Other private
grants- \$52,500

Funding- A Variety of Sources

The Numbers

Average Annual Revenue Miles-478,729

Average number of passenger served 46,375

Funding (major funders)

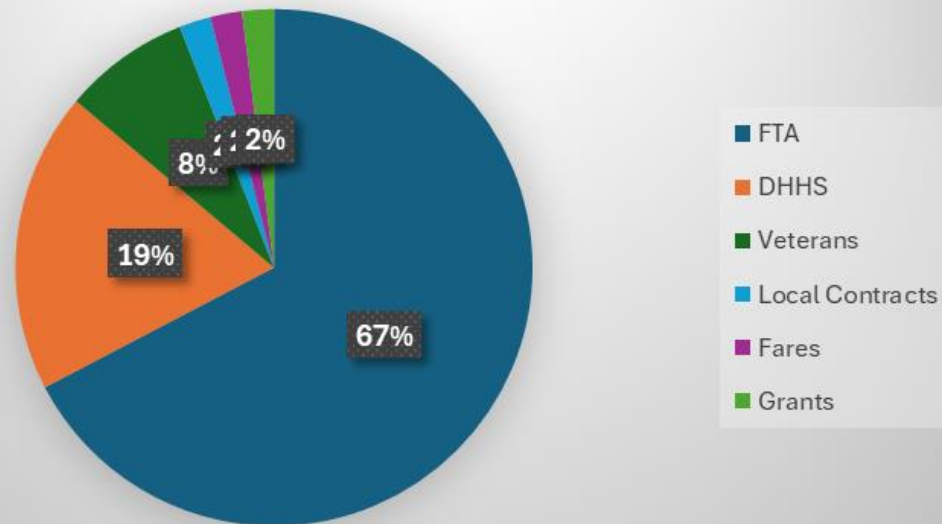
Ø FTA-MaineDOT

Ø DHHS

Ø Motivcare

Ø Local contracts

Revenue



Opportunities

Workforce Transportation

University Sports Team Travel

HeadStart Transportation

Fill gaps in non-emergency health care transportation

Municipal school bus service

Partnership with tribes

Advertising and education



Threats



Challenge to determine if ARTS can meet the changing community needs in a timely manner



Vehicle procurement and shortages



Alternative fuel vehicles and climate change



ARTS Workforce



Loss of volunteer drivers



Increasing number of no show trips



Fare discrepancies



Safety Issues