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Expanded Transportation Services for Troy Township Seniors and Disabled Residents Launch January 1, 2026

TROY TOWNSHIP, IL — Troy Township Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz is pleased to announce that effective January 1, 2026, the Central Will Dial-a-Ride program will officially merge with Will County's Access Will County Dial-a-Ride program. This change enhances transportation services for senior and disabled residents of Troy Township and throughout Will County.

The merger follows months of coordination and planning and results in a more comprehensive, streamlined transportation program. Benefits include a broader service area, simplified registration, and a unified system that allows seniors and disabled residents to travel more easily throughout Will County.

Troy Township's commitment to providing transportation for senior and disabled residents dates back to March 11, 1985, when the Township Board allocated funding for the Joliet-Troy Mass Transit Bus. At that time, service was limited to Troy Township and the City of Joliet. As additional townships joined the Central Will program—Homer, Jackson, Joliet, Lockport, Plainfield, Troy, and the City of Joliet—transportation options expanded but remained restricted by participating boundaries. While the program met an important need, these geographic limitations often posed challenges for riders.

"Merging with Access Will County Dial-a-Ride provides a much more robust transportation option for our senior and disabled residents," said Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz. "This collaboration is a great example of local governments working together for the greater good of the communities we serve."

"This merger will expand transportation access for seniors and people with disabilities locally and throughout Will County, offering a wider service area and increased hours of operation," said Will County Executive Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant. "I appreciate the collaboration with Troy Township officials to offer residents a safe, reliable, and convenient transportation service through Access Will County Dial-a-Ride."

Current users of the Central Will Dial-a-Ride service will be automatically transitioned to the Access Will County Dial-a-Ride program. Seniors or disabled residents who are not currently enrolled may register by contacting the Troy Township Office at (815) 744-1968. Registration takes only a few minutes, and service can typically be activated within one to two business days.

Ride fares are \$2.00 each way for trips within township boundaries and \$4.00 each way for trips outside the township. Riders may travel anywhere within Will County, up to one mile outside the county border, and to select areas of southern Cook County. Service is available Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding weekends and holidays.

Additional information about Access Will County Dial-a-Ride is available at www.willcounty.gov/access or by calling Colin Phillips, Mobility Manager with Will County at 815-774-6346.

For questions or more information, please contact the Troy Township Office at (815) 744-1968 or visit www.troytownship.com.