

## WHERE DOES RTA GO?

RTA provides service to the cities and rural areas of Delaware, Dubuque, and Jackson Counties based on the demand of our clients.

In addition, RTA provides service to Dubuque, Iowa City, Coralville, Cedar Rapids, Waterloo, and the Quad Cities. These destinations must meet minimum ridership guidelines, so advance preparation is suggested to ensure that enough riders are available. The cost of rides vary depending on the destination.



### QUICK FACT

**Public transit is a critical component of the statewide transportation system.**

**Iowa's long range transportation plan, Iowa in Motion, recognizes that a roads-only approach to solving transportation needs will not work. It recognizes that public transit has a critical role in meeting future transportation needs.**

## ABOUT US

The Region 8 Regional Transit Authority (RTA) was formed in the 1970's to improve, consolidate, and coordinate transportation services in the State of Iowa Planning Area 8. This planning area includes Dubuque County (excluding the City of Dubuque), Delaware County, and Jackson County. The RTA contracts with East Central Intergovernmental Association (ECIA), a regional council of governments, for management services and office space. The RTA Corporate Board is comprised of all of the County Supervisors from Dubuque, Delaware, and Jackson Counties. The Board meets every other month to review the RTA's budget and general operating policies.

RTA and ECIA's administration and main dispatch office is located at 3999 Pennsylvania Avenue in Dubuque. A second dispatch office and small storage facility is located at the Maquoketa Senior Center. The Delaware County has a small office in Manchester and dispatching is handled out of the Dubuque office.



### QUICK FACT

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## WHAT IS THE RTA?

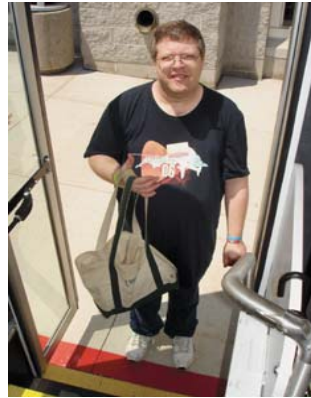
The RTA is one of sixteen regional transit systems in the state of Iowa and is a non-profit service organization located in Dubuque. The RTA serves the public transportation needs of residents in Delaware, Dubuque and Jackson Counties. RTA operates a fleet of buses, standard vans, and contracts with privately owned automobiles operated by volunteers.

### QUICK FACT

The state of Iowa has 35 public transit systems ranging from small, rural transportation providers to larger, metropolitan providers, like the Des Moines Metropolitan Transit Authority. Iowa transit systems provide access to opportunities that some Iowans might not otherwise have.

## DO I HAVE TO QUALIFY FOR A RIDE?

While many riders receive assistance with their RTA fees, you do not need to qualify financially in any way to utilize the services of RTA. RTA services are available to persons of all income levels. If you feel you need assistance with your RTA fees, contact our office at 1.800.839.5005 for additional information on how to access assistance services and agencies.



## WHO USES THE RTA?

People from all walks of life ride the RTA for work, school, shopping, daycare, medical appointments, and other errands.

RTA vehicles are equipped to accommodate all people, including children, the elderly and people with disabilities.



### QUICK FACT

By 2020 the number of Iowans over the age of 65 will increase by over 20%. With this projected increase, the demand for public transportation will only increase. The availability of transit service increases the self-sufficiency of elderly and disabled persons.

## RTA AVAILABILITY

RTA operates daily, Monday through Friday, on a regular basis. RTA may be available on weekends for pre-arranged trips, or for special event transportation service where handicapped-accessibility is required.

### QUICK FACT

One out of every 16 Iowa households does not own a vehicle. According to the US Census, out of 1.2 million households in Iowa, 73,000 do not own a vehicle.

**Call toll free 1.800.839.5005, for information on specific routes and demand response service**

## TYPES OF RIDES RTA PROVIDES

- Job Transportation
- Daycare Transportation
- School Transportation
- Group Transportation
- Medical Appointment Transportation

RTA provides service to the cities and rural areas of Delaware, Dubuque, and Jackson Counties. Many cities have daily service within their city as well as commuting to other cities, while other communities have service several times per week. The RTA schedule can be flexible to meet a client's needs. Please contact us at 1.800.839.5005 for specific route schedules as well as for demand response services.



## OUR REGION

