

2015 and 2016 CONSOLIDATED SECTION 5311  
OPERATING and CAPITAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS  
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby made that the City of Olean is applying for federal financial assistance to provide public transportation service as follows:

In 2015 and 2016, the City of Olean intends to contract with a third-party contractor to operate four continuous fixed-route, route deviation, open-door public transportation bus routes in the City of Olean and its environs in Cattaraugus County and Allegany County. One route will operate in the City of Olean Monday through Saturday between approximately 7:15 a.m. and 11:20 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and 6:25 p.m. during the period June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016 and June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017.

The second route will operate from the campus of St. Bonaventure University into the City of Olean, Monday and Wednesday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. and Saturdays between 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The third route will operate from the campus of St. Bonaventure University into the Village of Allegany, New York on Thursday through Saturday nights between 11:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. The second and third routes will operate during the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 and the Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 St. Bonaventure academic sessions. Fall and Spring semesters are scheduled approximately between August 31<sup>st</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup> and between January 18<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup>, respectively.

The fourth route will operate between the Village of Cuba, the Oil Spring Territory of the Seneca Nation of Indians, the Cities of Olean and Salamanca, and the Allegany Territory of the Seneca Nation of Indians. The fourth route will operate three round trips Monday through Saturday between approximately 7:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.; 1:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.; and 8:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

The transportation services will be available to the general public during all hours of operation. In accordance with the City of Olean ADA Paratransit Policy, during the specified times that wheelchair equipped vehicles are not used to provide fixed route deviation service, OATS shall provide paratransit service to individuals with disabilities that are eligible for ADA paratransit service, which is comparable to the level of service provided to individuals without disabilities who use the fixed route system. Paratransit service is comparable transportation service required by the ADA for individuals with disabilities who are unable to use fixed route transportation systems and is available within  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile of the fixed route.

The 2015 and 2016 operating assistance projects are expected to be financed by federal Section 5311 public transportation funds, with additional funds to be provided from the New York State Transportation Operating Assistance Program, the City of Olean, Cattaraugus County, St. Bonaventure University, the NYSARC Inc., Cattaraugus County Chapter, also known as the Cattaraugus Rehabilitation Center, Inc., and the Seneca Nation of Indians. The total federal share for the 2015 and 2016 OATS operating assistance projects is expected to be \$153,000 and \$155,000, respectively.

Public Notice is further made that the City of Olean is also applying for federal financial capital assistance under the Section 5311 program to purchase one (1) medium-duty, mid-sized bus (Type VI) equipped with three (3) wheelchair stations and a farebox. The new vehicle will replace one 2014 vehicle which will have satisfied useful mileage service requirements and will be eligible for replacement. Type VI vehicles are estimated to cost \$115,000. Thus, the capital application will request \$115,000 for the bus, the 80% federal share, of which, is \$92,000. The vehicle will be used to provide the aforementioned fixed route, route deviation, open-door public transportation services in the City of Olean and its environs in Cattaraugus County, the Allegany Territory of the Seneca Nation, and Allegany County.

Comments on the proposed projects are invited from the general public, private bus and taxi companies, other public transportation providers and human service agencies. Interested parties may comment on the project or obtain more details about the project by contacting or writing to:

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Program Coordinator  
Department of Community Development  
Olean Municipal Building, Room 209  
101 East State Street  
Olean, NY 14760.  
Phone: 716-376-5647  
E-mail: [mgeorge@cityofolean.org](mailto:mgeorge@cityofolean.org)

Human service agencies that receive assistance from other Federal agencies for non-emergency transportation services are encouraged to participate and coordinate with the provider in the planning, design and delivery of transportation services. Agencies may obtain copies of the service description and submit proposals for service coordination. Private bus and taxi operators may request copies of the project service description from the above named person and may submit comments on the service as described.

If you wish to comment on any aspect of the proposed project, or submit a proposal or a request for service coordination, you must make your interest known in writing within ten days of the date of this publication and provide your comments within ten days of your receipt of the project service description. Your requests and/or comments must be forwarded to the above person.