



## LETTER FROM THE NORTH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

# “On-demand transportation isn’t temporary, township program needs permanent funding”

If you haven’t yet heard, our on-demand transit program is wildly successful with more trips than ever before and high satisfaction resulting from efficiencies we’ve built into the system.

If anyone had told me even two years ago that Dial-a-Ride would make more than 50,000 trips a year, I wouldn’t have believed them – but that’s exactly where we find ourselves today.

We knew there was a need. That demand is reinforced each month our trip numbers continue to grow.

A federal grant got us to where we are today. Unfortunately, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funds provide limited-term grants – in the case of North Township, that money stops next year. The Regional Development Authority has also chipped in funds to help us keep pace with demand.

**The problem:** As grateful as I am for the grants we’ve secured, they are only a temporary fix to a permanent challenge. On-demand transportation isn’t a temporary condition.

The disabled, as well as those who no longer drive, will still need to get to the doctor or grocery store long after the last of the existing



grant dollars have been spent.

I am looking at options and talking to elected leaders to find permanent funding that will keep this vital transportation link humming for years to come.

Within the next 90 days, North Township will be adding an online portal that provides Dial-A-Ride information as well as links to all local mass transit options.

Please, enjoy your summer. Take advantage of our concerts, the opportunity to commune with nature at our very own Wicker Memorial Park or hit a round of golf on our links.

Stay tuned for exciting developments ahead.

**FRANK J. MRVAN**  
North Township Trustee