

**NANTUCKET
REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

ANNUAL REPORT



FISCAL YEAR 2008

Nantucket Regional Transit Authority

Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2008

Annual Report



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The Nantucket Regional Transit Authority (NRTA) provides seasonal fixed route shuttle service and year round advanced reservation van service for elders and persons with disabilities in Nantucket. During fiscal year 2008 the NRTA provided seasonal fixed route service from July 1, 2007 through October 8, 2007 and May 23, 2008 through June 30, 2008. The NRTA's fixed route operated 139 days on 9 routes utilizing (maximum) 13 vehicles. Fixed Route services operate on modified schedules (less frequent) at the beginning and end of the season.

Fixed Route Services



DATES AND HOURS OF SERVICE

- Jetties Beach Route operated on a 30 minute schedule mid June through Labor Day, daily from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Madaket Route operated on an hourly schedule from the end of May to mid June and after Labor Day to mid September and on a 30 minute schedule from mid June to Labor Day, daily from 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
- Miacomet Loop operated on a 30 minute schedule from mid May to mid June and mid September to early October and on a 20 minute schedule from mid June through mid September, daily from 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
- Mid Island Loop operated on a 30 minute schedule from mid May to mid June and mid September to early October and on a 15 minute schedule from mid June through mid September, daily from 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
- Sconset via Milestone Road Route operated on an hourly schedule from mid June through Labor Day, daily from 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
- Sconset via Old South Road Route operated on an hourly schedule from mid May through early October, daily from 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
- Sconset via Polpis Road operated on an hour and twenty minute schedule July 1 though Labor Day, daily from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Surfside Beach Route operated on a forty minute schedule from mid June to Labor Day, daily from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

NRTA Passenger Boardings By Route

Jetties Beach Route	12,643
Madaket Route	38,021
Miacomet Loop	55,940
Mid Island Loop	52,160
Sconset via Milestone Road Route	15,642
Sconset via Old South Road Route	41,741
Sconset via Polpis Road Route	6,088
Surfside Beach Route	17,263
Airport Route	11,590
TOTAL	251,088

NRTA Passenger Boardings by Month

July	85,582
August	86,299
September	28,133
October	3,472
May	5,923
June	41,679
TOTAL	251,088



Fixed Route

Demand Response

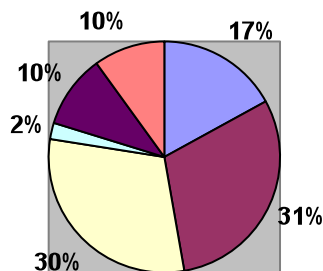
Annual Ridership	251,088	10,045
Annual Farebox Revenue	351,775	8,727
Annual Cost of Operations	1,186,769	237,078
Annual Revenue Hours	16,770.5	3,831
Annual Revenue Miles	192,697	32,864
Days of Operation	139	250
Number of Fixed Routes	9	-
Fleet Size	17	4





The NRTA's advanced reservation door to door elderly and disabled transportation is called Your Island Ride. Service is provided year round, Monday through Friday, daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Your Island Ride provided 10,045 trips in Fiscal Year 2008.

<u>Destinations</u>	<u># of Trips</u>
Medical	1,406
Nutrition	3,144
Social/Recreational	3,158
Shopping	226
Employment	1,083
Other	1,028
Total Trips	10,045



NRTA STATEMENT EXPENSE AND REVENUES FY08

Operating Costs

Administrative costs	\$ 106,428
Purchased Services	
Fixed Route	\$1,186,769
Demand Response	\$ 237,078
Brokerage Services	\$ 1,023
Debt Service	<u>\$ 61,661</u>
Total Operating Costs	\$1,592,959

Operating Revenues

Farebox	\$ 363,576
Brokerage Service reimbursement	\$ 1,023
Advertising	\$ 3,875
Interest Income	<u>\$ 17,183</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 385,657

State Contract Assessment	\$ 365,787
Federal Operating Assistance	\$ 464,745
Local Assessment	\$ 304,129

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

FY08

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 264,296
Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 1,208,838
Other Current Assets	\$ 84,969

Total current assets \$ 1,558,103

Noncurrent Assets:

Restricted assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 135,810
Receivable capital assistance	\$ 29,682
Total restricted assets	\$ 165,492
Receivable for state contract assistance	\$ 72,641
Capital assets, net	\$1,889,941
Total noncurrent assets	\$2,128,074

Total assets **\$3,686,177**

LIABILITIES

Current liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 38,207
Total current liabilities	\$ 38,207

Noncurrent liabilities

Liabilities payable from restricted assets	
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 22,314
Revenue Anticipation Notes	\$1,455,234
Total noncurrent liabilities	\$1,477,548

Total liabilities **\$1,515,755**

NET ASSETS

Invested in capital assets	\$1,889,941
Restricted	\$ 143,178
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 137,303
Total net assets	\$2,170,422

Capital Grants

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

\$227,368



Ridership Incentive Programs

The NRTA continues its efforts to provide Ridership Incentive Programs (RIP) that encourage ridership. Commuter Solution Program - This program enables employers to purchase passes for their employees at a discounted rate (\$10 off the cost of a season pass) and is one of the pass options made available to our fixed route riders. Ride to Read - This program began in 2000 and has continued since then. The Nantucket Elementary School, Nantucket Atheneum, Friends of Nantucket Public Schools and the NRTA established this program to provide elementary school children the opportunity and convenience to continue reading throughout the summer. Friends of Nantucket Public Schools reimburses the NRTA for the fares. Do the Ride Thing - Another long standing program that is provided by the NRTA, Visitor Services and the Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission. This is a week long event to entice new riders and keep faithful riders, riders that use the Shuttle, walk or ride a bike instead of taking a car can enter to win great prizes donated by local businesses. Vouchers are collected through the Do the Ride Thing event week and then a drawing is held to “give away” the prizes. Pass Options – The NRTA provides several pass options to both seasonal shuttle users and visitors. Pass are available at a reduced cost to paying per ride. 1-day pass \$7; 3-day pass \$12; 7-day pass \$20; 30 day pass \$50; season pass \$80, Commuter \$70, Nantucket student \$40; other students \$70; and senior disabled \$40. Public Transportation and Walking Map to Historic Sites and Museums on Nantucket - A brochure was developed through a collaborated effort with the NRTA, the Town’s transportation planner and various historic site and museums. The brochure includes a map locating the island’s historic sites and museums and provides information on shuttle routes and stops to access these sites as well as walking times from site to site.



Emergency Ride Home Program

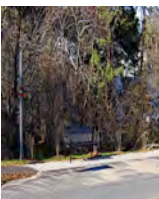
The NRTA is a participant in MassRIDES, the Commonwealth’s statewide travel options, *FREE* Emergency Ride Home Program available to Nantucket employers and their employees The MassRIDES Emergency Ride Home (ERH) Program is available to any employee who commutes to work by transit, walking, bicycling or carpooling at least twice a week and enrolls in the program. This program promises employees who regularly use travel options that MassRIDES will pay for the ride home if they experience a qualified emergency.

Customer Conveniences



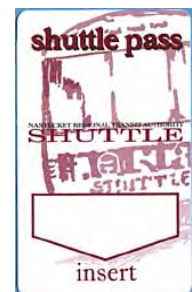
PARK AND RIDE LOTS - The NRTA provides five (5) park and ride lots along several of its shuttle routes. The Park and Ride lots are parking lots for private businesses (mostly restaurants) that enter into a license agreement with the NRTA for \$1.00/year to utilize their lots as a Shuttle Park and Ride. The NRTA promotes the use of these lots in its marketing efforts.

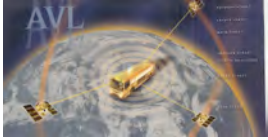
BIKES-N-TRANSIT - The NRTA continues its efforts in the Commonwealths Bikes-n-Transit Program. All buses are equipped with bike racks that carry two bikes. Stationary bike racks are also provided at several stops. For FY08 Shuttle season the NRTA transported bikes 3,780 on its buses. The island has over 30 miles of bike paths all adjacent to NRTA Shuttle Routes.



BUS STOP AMENITIES - The NRTA provides benches at a majority of its most used bus stops. DPW personnel repainted benches and created NRTA logos and the words "bus stops" on these benches that created more awareness of the bus stop locations. Stationery bike racks are also available at some of the bus stops. With the completion of the Fairgrounds Road Bicycle Path stop waiting areas were constructed with Belgian block, giving waiting passenger an even surface to stand and wait for the bus.

SHORT TERM PASS SALES - The NRTA's short term passes (1-day, 3-day and 7-day) are able to purchased aboard all fixed route vehicles through the electronic farebox.





Intelligent Transportation System

The NRTA's fleet of fixed route vehicles are equipped with electronic fareboxes, automated stop announcement system, automated vehicle locator system, and automated passenger counting system.



