Vote on Nov. 3

TRANSPORTATION MILLAGE

St. Louis - Ithaca - Pine River Township

Keeping Communities Connected

If approved by voters, the transportation millage would extend Alma Transportation Service (Dial-A-Ride) to St. Louis, Ithaca, and Pine River Township, connecting the four communities.
Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property within the St. Louis Ithaca Pine River Transit Authority (whose geographic boundaries are the entire geographic area of the City of St. Louis, the City of Ithaca, and the Township of Pine River) be increased by .96 mill ($0.96 per $1,000 of taxable value) for a period of five (5) years, 2021 through 2025, inclusive, as new additional millage, for the purpose of providing funds for public transportation services? It is estimated that .96 mill would raise approximately $274,313 when first levied in 2021.

- If approved, residents of St. Louis, Ithaca, and Pine River Township will receive the same level of service as residents from Alma and pay the same cost per ride (see right panel for cost estimates).
- Official expansion of transportation services in St. Louis, Ithaca, and Pine River Township will make it feasible to offer transportation to Mount Pleasant (Isabella County).
- This millage will be in place for five years, if approved.

### Annual Cost

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<th>Market Value of Home</th>
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To find your cost, take your home’s market value, divide it by two to get the taxable value, then divide by one thousand, and multiply by .96 mill.

Ex: $50,000 Market Value

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\frac{($50,000)}{2} = $25,000 \text{ Taxable Value} \\
\frac{25,000}{1,000} = 25 \\
25 \times .96 \text{ mill} = $24.00 / \text{ year}
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Alma Transportation Center (ATC) currently offers Dial-A-Ride Service to residents of Alma and to patients of some medical offices located in Alma. Passengers call in advance of needing a ride to schedule a pick-up and drop-off from their desired locations between the hours of 7 am—8 pm, Monday—Friday.

ATC offers transportation for essential needs such as medical appointments, grocery shopping, and education. Many elderly or disabled individuals and school-aged children utilize the service, but anyone who needs transportation has access to the service. Vans and buses are handicap-accessible.

2019 ATC Stats

- 268 operating days
- Over 75,000 rides
- Average of 283 rides/day
- Rides increased 18% since 2018
- 21 staff members, including 19 drivers
- Recently updated fleet consisting of 13 buses and 4 vans
- 12.5% of riders were senior citizens
- 33.5% were disabled individuals

2020 Ride Costs

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Q & A's

What type of service will St. Louis, Ithaca, & Pine River receive?
The three communities will receive the same services at the same cost as Alma residents: residents will be able to travel within the four communities from 7 am to 8 pm Monday-Friday.

Will transportation service continue if the millage is not passed?
If the millage does not pass, there will be no funding approved for transportation in St. Louis, Ithaca, and Pine River Township, so ATC will no longer be able to offer service to the area.

Why is this funding needed now?
Alma Transportation has nearly doubled the amount of rides between 2014 (41,000) and 2019 (75,735) without a similar increase in funding, creating a need for more resources to maintain and expand services.

Why is Alma not included in this millage?
The City of Alma already has a millage in place to pay for transportation services (Dial-A-Ride) through the Alma Transportation Center.

How has COVID-19 impacted service and operations?
The Alma Transportation Center is committed to the safety of its employees and passengers. As a result, they are abiding by CDC guidelines of social distancing, facial coverings, and sanitization.

Additional Questions?
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