The Estuary Transit District (ETD) was formed in 1981 by the nine towns of the Connecticut River Estuary region with a mission of providing local, coordinated public transportation for all residents of the area. The nine towns have now grown to twelve and include Clinton, Chester, Deep River, Durham, Essex, Killingworth, Lyme, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, and Westbrook. Service is operated under the name River Valley Transit.

The Estuary Transit District is governed by a board of directors. Each member town appoints representatives who serve in a voluntary capacity to adopt policy, set budgets and conduct long term planning for the district. Regular board meetings are held on the first Friday of every month at 9:00 A.M. at the Estuary Transit District. All meetings are open to the public.

ETD offers multiple transportation services in the region, operating 66,000 hours of service over 1.3 million miles annually. Twelve routes serve the main corridors of the region and provide connections to public transit providers serving the surrounding regions. ADA paratransit service is provided along fixed routes for people with disabilities. Seasonal ParkConneCT service is provided from to Hammonasset beach.

Door-to-door service is provided throughout all member towns as well as Durham, East Haddam, and Haddam through its Dial-A-Ride service. XtraMile on-demand service serves areas in Old Saybrook and Middletown. ETD also provides a taxi voucher program to provide half price taxi trips to seniors and people with disabilities.

ETD’s services are subsidized by federal, state and local funding. This allows for inexpensive fares of $1.75 for routes, $.85 for people with disabilities, and $3.50 for Dial-A-Ride and ADA paratransit. Students of participating state colleges and universities may ride any route for free with a UPass. ETD also receives a Title III grant through the area agency on aging which allows area senior citizens to ride Dial-A-Ride on a donation basis in lieu of the fare.

After several years of planning, Middletown Area Transit became part of ETD on July 1, 2022, nearly doubling the size of the district. All service was rebranded as River Valley Transit in April. Service redesign and expansion is planned for FY 2024 to enhance transportation options in the region.

During the year, ETD began several projects that will enhance the customer experience. This includes expanding real-time bus information to the entire fleet, new fare discounts and fare collection system, a new website with enhanced customer tools and improved software for XtraMile to improve the service’s performance.

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