





# **Transit Ride Along**

A great Ride Along at JAMM Transit happened in Atoka with Speaker of the House Charles McCall, Senator David Bullard, Representative Justin Humphrey, Atoka Mayor Brian Cathey & several Atoka County leaders.

The legislators are looking at various transit systems across the state and making a dedicated effort to expand and help fund transportation within the state of Oklahoma.

There is currently a survey out that you can participate in that will help let them know what your transportation needs are at www.oktransitplan.org.







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#### **4 TIPS EVERY DRIVER NEEDS TO KNOW**



Never sacrifice safety to adhere to the schedule. Always make safety the first priority!!



Give your vehicle an inspection before each trip. Walk around the vehicle and check for any damage, check your tires, and also make sure your mirrors are in the right position before driving the bus.



Pay attention to the weather. Bad weather conditions can be perilous for large vehicles like buses. Listen to radio weather reports before work and be sure to drive appropriately for weather conditions.



Don't follow too close. Buses take a lot longer to stop than regular passenger vehicles. Maintain adequate distance between yourself and vehicles ahead of you.



## **Now Serving Tushka**

JAMM Transit is testing the expansion of operations in Tushka Oklahoma for the rest of the program year. On January 20th we began in-town services in the Tushka city limits. For the last two weeks of the month we were able to pick up 5 people for a total of 28 services. One lady who lives in Atoka said she had been waiting for us to open up in Tushka because she had a job waiting for her but lacked transportation. Fortunately, we are now able to take her to and from work each day.



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### **USE POSITIVE LANGUAGE**

Positive language is a great way to avoid accidental conflicts sprung from miscommunication. While the change is subtle, the effects are drastic. Redirecting the conversation from negative to positive places focus on the proposed solution.

When the outcome takes center stage, it reduces the odds that customers will be upset.





### MONTHLY REMINDER

Buses have blind spots on all four sides. Be mindful of your surroundings at all times, especially when passing another vehicle or merging into oncoming traffic.

