THE HIGHLANDER (Newport / Derby / Derby Line)

**MOBILE APPS:** RCT bus routes are available on mobile apps. You can download Swiftly Real Time-Transit App and Transit: Real-time Transit App.

The Swiftly App will provide accurate arrival and departure times for all shuttle routes and books for official service advisories and reports from fellow riders to help you avoid transit issues in real time. It will also show vehicle locations in real time for the shuttles as well as other transportation options in the area such as demand response vehicles, Town Taxis, and other options. Check it out at https://www.goswift.ly/download/

The Highlander travels within the residential communities of Newport, Derby and Derby Line and connects them with the City of Newport. It can deliver you to many stores, a fitness center, medical facilities, places of business and work sites.

If you need to get into town, for whatever purpose, take the Highlander.

If you have a disability, live within 1/4 mile of the shuttle route, and would like to ride the shuttle, please call (802) 334-0243 one (1) business day in advance to schedule a ride.

The Highlander is a deviated shuttle route that is Wheelchair Accessible, ADA Compliant and open to the General Public. If you live within 1/4 mile of the shuttle route, have a disability and would like to ride the shuttle, please call (802) 334-0243 one (1) business day in advance between 7:30 am and 4:30 pm to schedule a ride.

**Rural Community Transportation (RCT)** serves the residents of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties of Vermont. It is the mission of RCT to provide transportation services that are safe, convenient and available to the general public and to persons with disabilities.

**The Mission of RCT to:**

1. Establish a solid foundation for regional development of a safe, efficient public transportation system.
2. Provide coordinated, consolidated, non-duplicative transportation services.
3. Promote the planning and development of public transportation.
4. Offer transportation for the VT Medicaid and Reach-up Programs. To schedule a ride please call (802) 748-8170 at least one (1) business days in advance of your appointment.
5. Provide transportation to the general public. Please be courteous to the driver and other passengers. For health reasons, open containers, eating, smoking, weapons, horseplay and loud noises are not permitted on the bus as well as offensive behavior and speech.

**DATES OF OPERATION:**

Monday through Friday except the following major holidays: New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, of July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

**Rural Community Transportation** of northwest Vermont coordinates medical trips for Medicaid eligible residents. Each year RCT provided over 178,688 rides to eligible individuals and the general public.

**It is the vision of RCT to:**

1. Develop a comprehensive, efficient public transportation system.
2. Cultivate support of safe public transit.
3. Provide necessary transportation to Medicaid eligible individuals

**PROGRAMS:**

Transportation services are provided by RCT with funding provided by the Vermont Agency of Transportation in partnership with the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging, The Central Vermont Council on Aging, Adult Day Health Services, VT Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Northeast Kingdom Human Service Offices, and Northeast Kingdom Community Action Agencies. These services are provided for persons 60 or over, or with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**LADIES FIRST:**

RCT supports the Ladies First Program by providing transportation to free mammograms and cancer screenings. Please call your local health department for more information.

**VETERANS ADMINISTRATION:** Veterans in Vermont have to travel many miles to receive medical care provided by the VA Hospital in White River Junction, or at the satellite offices in Newport, VT and Littleton, NH. RCT may help provide necessary transportation to eligible individuals.

**Walking/Biking Maps for Vermont Available:**

https://secure.bcbsvt.com/walking-supplies.php