

# Transportation Options- Northampton

*Alternatives to Lathrop Transportation* Erin Curtin



## PVTA-Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA):

### 1. PVTA Senior Service:

413-739-7436 <https://pvta.com/documents/dial-a-ride/Dial-A-RideGuideFY2019.pdf>

- This is a shared, demand responsive, accessible van service to seniors 60 and older.
- Senior Service operates Monday-Saturday 8:00am-9:00 pm on a space-available basis (priority is given to certified ADA passengers in accordance with federal law).
- Other passengers may be picked up and dropped off during your trip.
- There is a one-time registration to be completed when booking your first ride.
- Reservations can be made by 4:30pm the day before a trip.
- Trips may be equivalent to the length of time it would take on the fixed bus route.
- This is public transportation, not a taxi service.
- Drivers can assist passengers boarding and exiting the vehicle.
- Trips for non-medical purpose may not be booked during peak hours (8am-10am, 2pm-5pm).

### 2. PVTA ADA Paratransit:

413-732-6248 ext. 2237 <https://www.pvta.com/mobility.php>

- This is a shared-ride, door to door accessible van service for people with disabilities that prevents them from riding the bus (you must complete an application).
- Required by ADA to operate the same days and hours as fixed route bus services.
- Operates Monday-Wednesday 5:45am-11:00pm, Thursday 5:45am-1:45am, Saturday 6:00am-1:45am and Sunday 8:00am-9:30pm.
- Reservations can be made by 4:30pm the day before a trip.
- If you have a PCA they can ride free.

### 3. PVTA Bus:

<https://www.pvta.com/schedules.php>

All PVTA buses meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for accessible public transit service.

#### 4. PVRTA “Noho Shuttle” Pilot Program (as of 5/1/24):

413-739-7436

- Provides door-to-door service throughout Northampton for riders to access shopping, medical appointments, employment, and buses for travel outside of Northampton.
- Operates Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm.
- Advanced booking 1-7 days in advance.
- Same day service with 2 hours notice available but not guaranteed.
- All Northampton residents may use it regardless of age or disability status.
- Fares: \$1.50 regular, \$0.75 with a valid PVRTA E/D ID.

#### Northampton Senior Center Transportation Program:

<https://northamptonma.gov/2406/Transportation>

##### 1. Senior Center Taxi Service for residents 60 and older using Cosmic Cab

*\*Please use Lathrop transportation first and this option when needed- the \$1.00 cost is due to grant funding and some Northampton residents rely on this.* (Transportation within Northampton, Florence, Leeds, Easthampton, and West Hatfield)

- \$1.00 each way. *Taxi service will return to a charge of \$4.00 each way when grant funds are exhausted.*
- Runs 7 days a week.
- Call 413-584-7979 at least 48 hours prior.
- Must be able to get in/out of cab with no assistance.

#### Northampton Neighbors:

413-341-0160

<http://www.northamptonneighbors.org>

In general, provides short rides around Northampton including for appointments, grocery shopping, social events. You must be a member- it is free to join.

#### Taxi Service:

**Cosmic Cab:** 413-230-6119: Used by the Northampton Senior Center for Taxi service.

**GoGreen Cab Company:** 413-586-0707 <http://gogreencabnoho.com>

**Limo Service:** 24/7. 413-534-3505 <http://mylimo5.com> Recommended by Lathrop residents.