**WexExpress Press Release**

**WexExpress Launches New Online Trip Planning Tool to Improve Rural Transit Access**

**Wexford County, MI —** Cadillac Wexford Transit Authority (WexExpress) is excited to announce the launch of a new online trip-planning tool as part of the Advancing Rural Mobility pilot project. This initiative, funded through a U.S. Department of Transportation SMART grant, aims to enhance transportation access and efficiency for riders across rural Michigan.

WexExpress is one of four transit agencies participating in this project, alongside Benzie Bus, Charlevoix County Transit, and Roscommon County Transportation Authority.

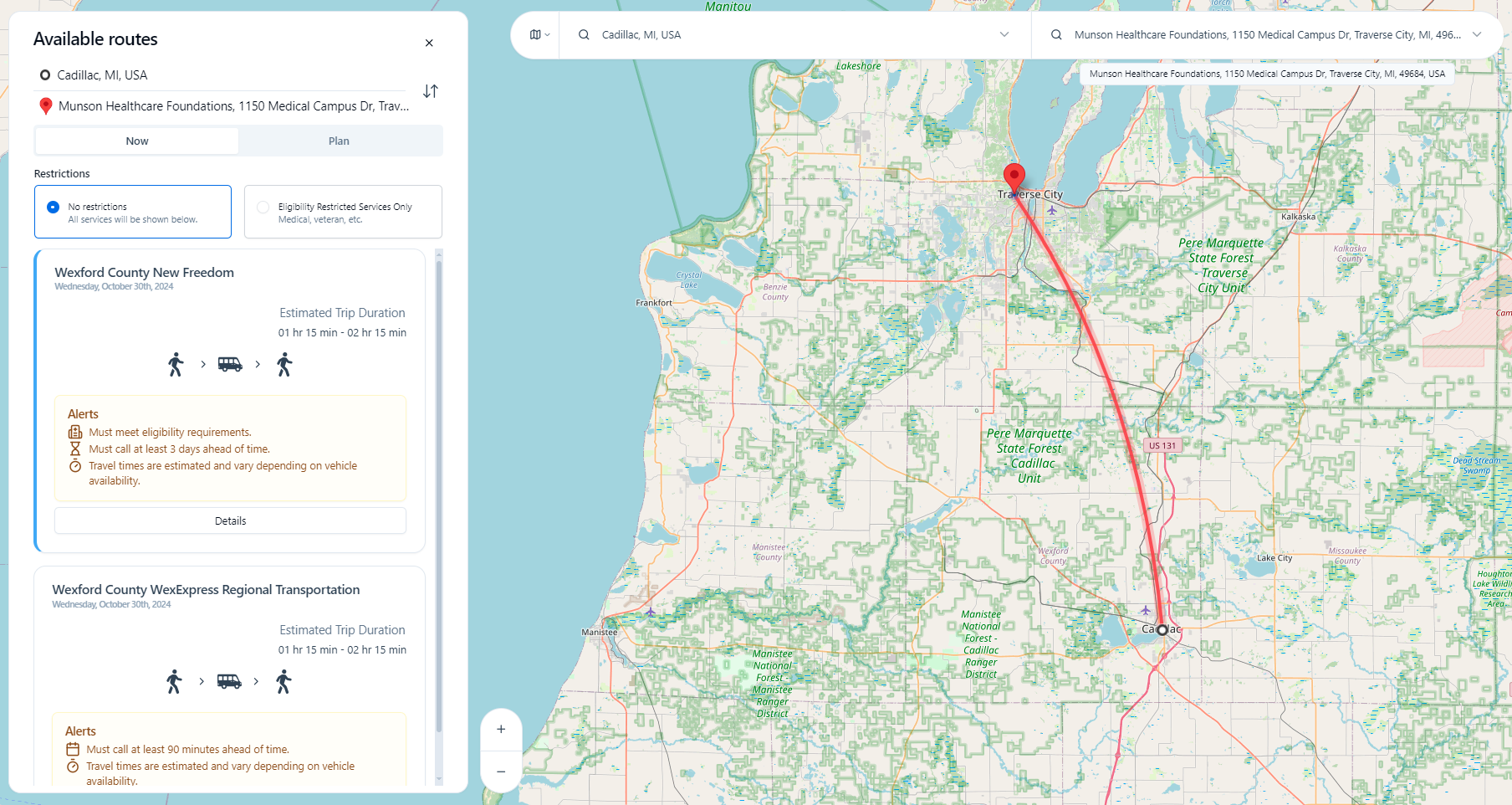
The new trip planner tool is designed to simplify the transit experience, making it easier for residents to explore available transportation options and discover the full range of services offered by WexExpress. This user-friendly tool enables seamless connections with other rural transit providers, offering a more efficient way to plan trips across county lines.

When using the tool, users can enter their starting location and destination, along with preferred departure or arrival times, to receive customized route options. For example, if you need to travel from Cadillac to Munson Healthcare in Traverse City, enter the details, and the tool will generate available transit services, including bus routes and schedules, allowing you to choose the most convenient travel option.

Additionally, the trip planner provides real-time updates on transit services, ensuring riders are informed about any schedule changes or delays.

This innovative tool will make accessing information on routes, schedules, and connections easier for Wexford County residents, making public transportation more accessible and predictable. By improving access to public transportation, Cadillac Wexford Transit Authority is working to ensure all residents have the resources they need for efficient and convenient travel.

For more information about the new trip-planning tool and how it can improve your travel experience, please visit <https://www.mitripplanner.org/help/>.



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