**Straits Regional Ride Newsletter**

**Fast Facts:**

* [Straits Regional Ride](https://www.cheboygancounty.net/departments-services/straits-regional-ride/) riders can now use a [new online trip-planning tool](https://www.mitripplanner.org/help?m=44.5651474%2C-84.9005464%2C8) developed by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) in partnership with various rural transit agencies.
* Straits Regional Ride is participating in Stage 2 of the pilot program, along with 13 other transportation providers across Michigan.
* The project is funded by a U.S. Department of Transportation [SMART](https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SMART) grant, aimed at enhancing rural mobility.

**Exciting News for Straits Regional Riders!**

Straits Regional Ride is proud to announce its participation in MDOT’s Office of Passenger Transportation Advancing Rural Mobility pilot project. This exciting initiative introduces a cutting-edge online trip-planning tool designed to improve the travel experience for residents across the northern Michigan region.

This tool offers personalized route suggestions, seamless connections to other transit services, and real-time updates, ensuring that Straits’ riders can travel with ease and confidence. Whether heading to work, a medical appointment, or a community event, this new technology will help you make the most of your local transit system.

Start [planning your next trip today](https://www.mitripplanner.org/?m=44.5651474%2C-84.9005464%2C8) and discover how this innovative service makes getting around Cheboygan, Emmet, and Presque Isle counties more convenient.