

# Getting you where you need to go

One easy phone call can get you where you need to go in Lee's Summit. You don't need gas in the car. You don't even need a car. Just a phone. The City of Lee's Summit contracts with the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority and OATS to provide transit services for its residents.

MetroFlex Route No. 252 is an on-demand bus service that operates Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. You can get to any point in Lee's Summit that is generally bounded by Todd George Parkway to the east, I-470 to the north, Pryor Road to the west, and Longview Road to the south. A one-way fare is \$1.50. Reduced fares are available for senior citizens. Service must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance. Call the MetroFlex Office at 816-346-0802 or 816-346-0356.

OATS provides door-to-door bus service anywhere in Lee's Summit for \$2 per trip. Although OATS was originally intended for use by older residents, this service is available for anyone. A ride requires advance reservation of at least 24 hours by calling 816-380-7433. Rides can be scheduled up to two calendar weeks in advance. OATS also provides service for eligible medical trips for points outside Lee's Summit on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., at a cost of \$29 per trip. Medicaid-eligible riders have their fare covered by Medicaid. Medical trips within Lee's Summit are \$14.50 and covered by Medicaid for eligible riders. An OATS representative also informed that for disabled residents between the ages of 18 and 59 and for those 60 and over, there are two spaces funded by MARC.

For those of you who need to get out of town, KCATA Express Route No. 152 travels between downtown Kansas City and Lee's Summit, with a stop in Raytown. Express Route No. 152 picks up from and drops off at the park-and-ride lot near 50 Highway and Chipman Road. Monday through Friday, departures from Lee's Summit are generally between 5-7 a.m., and the returns to Lee's Summit are between 4-6 p.m. There is also a reverse commute from Lee's Summit to downtown Kansas City that leaves around 4:30 p.m. One-way fare is currently \$3 each way, though discounted monthly passes can be purchased. For more information, simply call 816-221-0660.

At each of the phone numbers listed in this article, there was a friendly representative, willingly and patiently answering my questions, eager to get the word out about these excellent transportation options. If you misplace these numbers, simply look in the front

of your Lee's Summit phone book under Important Numbers. You'll find the listing for Metro, The .....816-221-0660. That one number will get you connected with information on MetroFlex and Express Route No. 152. Calling the City of Lee's Summit (816-969-1000) or The Gamber Center (816-969-1580) (listed under Community Centers in the Lee's Summit Yellow Pages) can help you get to OATS. For those of you less prone to picking up a phone, websites are available:

- MetroFlex: [http://www.kcata.org/maps\\_schedules/metroflex/](http://www.kcata.org/maps_schedules/metroflex/)
- OATS: [www.oatstransit.org](http://www.oatstransit.org)
- Express Route No. 152: [www.kcata.org/maps\\_schedules/route\\_select](http://www.kcata.org/maps_schedules/route_select)
- The Metro: [www.kcata.org/maps\\_schedules/park\\_and\\_ride\\_locations](http://www.kcata.org/maps_schedules/park_and_ride_locations).

City of Lee's Summit Transit Information:

- <http://cityofls.net/Public-Works/Traffic-Transit/Transit.aspx>