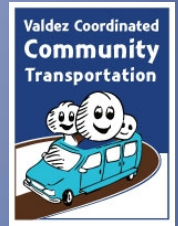


# Valdez Coordinated Community Transportation Program





# How We Began



- No Public Transportation in Valdez
- 5 Years in the Making
- Transportation Plan Approved May 7, 2007 by City Council
- Sent out Rider Surveys
- VCCTC formed with community partners
- Awarded POS and Mobility Management Grants
- Launched Transportation Program Feb. 2011



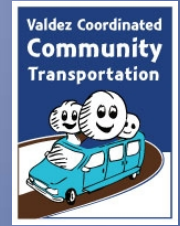
# Our Website



- Developed website  
[www.valdeztransport.org](http://www.valdeztransport.org)
- Shows our History, Plan, Collaborators, Voucher Program, and Contact Us
- Each quarter our Quarterly Meeting is listed
- Links to various agencies
- Contact information



# Our Vouchers



- Developed to supply statistics for DOT
- Small explanation of program operation
- Date, Time, Agency, Driver's Signature required at the top of the voucher
- Date issued filled in by Mobility Manager with expiration date in thirty days
- Good for one-way ride at \$2.00 per ride



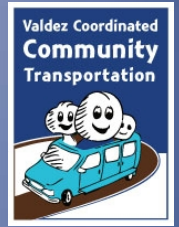
# DOT Grants



- FY 2012 applied for 3 grants-POS, MM, and Capital
- Solicited funding from multiple companies, corporations, and foundations
  - Received funding from: Rasmuson Foundation for the match to the Capital Grant; United Way of Valdez, initially for the Capital, but then transferred to the POS; Wells Fargo for the match to the MM Grant; Alyeska for the match to MM Grant.



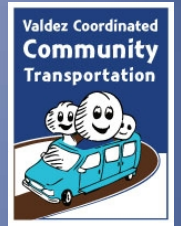
# Community Partners



- Contracts are drawn up with participating drivers
- Full time drivers: Connecting Ties, Yellow Cab, Valdez Senior Citizens Center
- On call drivers: Frontier Services, Providence Valdez Medical Center
- Agencies are reimbursed for each one-way ride given then Connecting Ties bills DOT



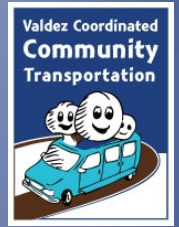
# Tracking the Vouchers



- Voucher log spreadsheet for vouchers sold and redeemed
- Voucher log spreadsheet with miles and number of rides
- Driver log sheet kept by CTI drivers for statistical purposes
- Paid driver vouchers recorded in QuickBooks with check amount and voucher numbers.



# Rides Given

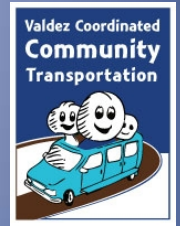


- Numbers of rides have increased exponentially from 39 in February 2011 to over 350 in August
- This growth spurt is directly related to a direct mailing to every post office box holder in Valdez
- Word of mouth has also helped in spreading the word to the public





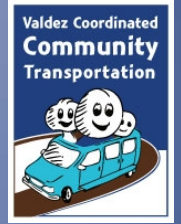
# Quarterly Meetings



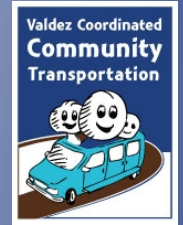
- Every quarter VCCTC meets to bring it's members and the community up-to-date on the transportation program
- Teleconferencing is made available for everyone so all can attend
- Ads appear in the paper and on the radio announcing the meeting
- Minutes are taken and sent to all the members and interested parties to keep them informed



# Van Purchase



- Awarded a Capital Grant for van purchase FY2012
- Purchased a four-wheel-drive van for safer transportation in Valdez
- Seats 8 passengers plus 2 wheelchair stations
- Serves as main van for transportation program

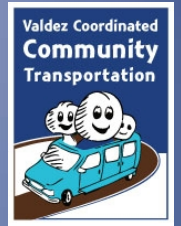


# Solicitations

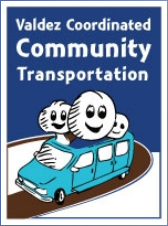
- VCCTC via Connecting Ties, Inc. has sent out multiple solicitations to various companies, corporations and foundations to seek local match funding for our grants
- The state generously awarded VCCTC \$8,000 toward the local match through the new state budget award money towards transportation in Alaska



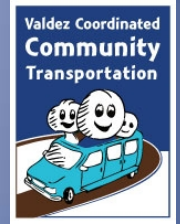
# Networking



- Networking has been a beneficial tool to develop this program
- Conferred with Pat Branson of Kodiak Senior Center, Connie Sipes of Center for Community, Lou Friend of Kats



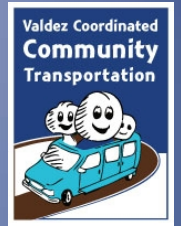
# Memberships



- Members of AMC, CTAA and the newly founded CCTCC
- These memberships have helped to keep us informed and up-to-date in the world of transportation



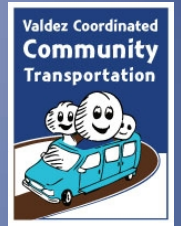
# Continuing Education



- Throughout the year the MM has attended many webinars, conferences, and workshops to keep abreast of the latest technology and information that is out there to help create the best transportation program possible for Valdez



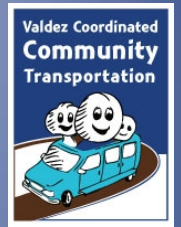
# Thank You



- Thank you to Jessica DeBartolo, Stephanie Bushong, Debbie Howard of DOT for all their help and encouragement to get us started and keep us going with our transportation program
- Thanks to David Levy for always attending our quarterly meetings with sage advice for moving us forward
- Thanks to all of those out there who have assisted us along the way



# Our Community



- Through all the paperwork, applications, networking, meetings, etc., the one thing that has remained of tantamount importance to us is giving rides
- The outpouring of thanks from our community has be overwhelming, heartwarming and amazing
- This is what keeps us going and will continue to do so as the years go by