

### Riding The SMRT Bus Saves Money

Riding the SMRT Bus can save you money on your commute to work, school, or medical appointments. The charts below show you the potential savings you will see in your pocket book by using the SMRT Bus. Remember a one way fare on the SMRT Bus is \$3.00 and can be further reduced by purchasing punch cards or monthly passes.

The first chart illustrates the cost of a one way trip between communities only taking into consideration the cost of the gas that you will put in your vehicle. The calculations are based on a vehicle that gets 25 miles per gallon of gas at a price of \$3.50 a gallon. If your vehicle gets less than 25 miles per gallon you will be saving even more.

Most people only think about the amount of gas they put in their vehicle as their daily transportation costs. The second chart illustrates the entire cost of a trip based on the Federal Gas Mileage Rate which is based on an annual study of the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile. The Federal Gas Mileage Rate is currently 55.5¢ cents per mile. It takes into consideration such things as vehicle maintenance, insurance, gas, etc.

Please review the charts to see your potential savings. Your cost of a one way trip lies somewhere between the figures in the two charts.

### How To Use The Charts

Pick the community where you will start your trip from the left hand column (green). Then select the community that you are traveling to from the top row (red). Where the two intersect on the chart is your cost of a one-way trip using your vehicle. Now compare that to the \$3.00 one way fare for using the SMRT Bus and see if you will save money.

**CHART 1. The Estimated Cost Of Gas To Drive One Way Between Communities For A Vehicle That Gets 25 Miles Per Gallon With Gas At \$3.50 Per Gallon.**

Ending Point	La Crosse	Coon Valley	Westby	Viroqua	PDCH	Genoa	Stoddard
Starting Point							
La Crosse	\$0.00	\$2.24	\$3.58	\$4.62	\$8.18	\$2.32	\$1.48
Coon Valley	\$2.24	\$0.00	\$1.34	\$2.38	\$8.74	\$2.77	\$1.96
Westby	\$3.58	\$1.34	\$0.00	\$1.04	\$7.39	\$3.77	\$3.30
Viroqua	\$4.62	\$2.38	\$1.04	\$0.00	\$6.36	\$2.73	\$3.57
PDCH	\$8.18	\$8.74	\$7.39	\$6.36	\$0.00	\$5.85	\$6.69
Genoa	\$2.32	\$2.77	\$3.77	\$2.73	\$5.85	\$0.00	\$0.84
Stoddard	\$1.48	\$1.96	\$3.30	\$3.57	\$6.69	\$0.84	\$0.00

**CHART 2. The Cost Of Gas And Other Vehicle Expenses To Drive One Way Between Communities Based On The Federal Gas Mileage Rate Of 55.5¢ Per Mile.**

<b>Ending Point</b>	<b>La Crosse</b>	<b>Coon Valley</b>	<b>Westby</b>	<b>Viroqua</b>	<b>PDCH</b>	<b>Genoa</b>	<b>Stoddard</b>
<b>Starting Point</b>							
<b>La Crosse</b>	\$0.00	\$8.88	\$14.21	\$18.32	\$32.41	\$9.21	\$5.88
<b>Coon Valley</b>	\$8.88	\$0.00	\$5.33	\$9.44	\$34.63	\$10.99	\$7.77
<b>Westby</b>	\$14.21	\$5.33	\$0.00	\$4.11	\$29.30	\$14.93	\$13.10
<b>Viroqua</b>	\$18.32	\$9.44	\$4.11	\$0.00	\$25.20	\$10.82	\$14.15
<b>PDCH</b>	\$32.41	\$34.63	\$29.30	\$25.20	\$0.00	\$23.20	\$26.53
<b>Genoa</b>	\$9.21	\$10.99	\$14.93	\$10.82	\$23.20	\$0.00	\$3.33
<b>Stoddard</b>	\$5.88	\$7.77	\$13.10	\$14.15	\$26.53	\$3.33	\$0.00