

# Appendix D

## Rural Transit Access Improvement Options - Costs

### #1 - Adopt a Hub and Spoke Inter-Urban Model connecting Primary Urban Centre

Item	Base Budget
Realign Route D to bi-directional Chatham-Tilbury-Wheatley	No significant cost

### #2 - Increase Inter-Urban Frequency

Item	Base Budget
Route A - Increase from 5 to 7 weekday trips (M-F)	\$70,000
Route A - Increase from 4 to 5 trips (Sat.)	\$12,000
Route C - Increase from 5 to 7 weekday trips (M-F)	\$70,000
Route C - Increase from 4 to 5 trips (Sat.)	\$12,000
Route D - Increase from 5 to 7 weekday trips (M-F)	\$70,000
Route D - Increase from 4 to 5 trips (Sat.)	\$12,000

### #3 – Incorporate Flex Routing into the Inter-Urban Service

Item	Base Budget
Route A Flex	\$5,500*
Route C Flex	\$5,500*
Route D Flex	Route realignment necessary

\*Senior government funding is currently available to implement this project until 2026

### #4 – Unify Inter-Urban and Urban Fare Structures

Item	Base Budget
Net revenue reduction less expected growth	\$29,000

### #5 – Continue Support for Rural Partner Services

Item	Base Budget
Possible subsidy to support adVANTage following expiry of grant post 2024	\$15,000 - \$40,000

### #6 – Implement a Transit Education Program

Item	One-Time
Program design	\$50,000
Item	Base Budget
Materials and implementation**	\$12,000

\*\*Enhanced staffing capacity not included. Estimate approx. 0.2 FTE

Proposed service level enhancements would be accommodated under the current Driving Forward recommendation to increase the Ride CK fleet from 19 vehicles to 22