Public notice is hereby made that the City of Olean is applying for federal financial assistance to provide public transportation service as follows:

In the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020 and the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021, the City of Olean intends to contract with a third-party contractor to operate five continuous fixed-route, route deviation, open-door public transportation bus routes in the City of Olean and its environs in Cattaraugus County.

The OATS City Loop operates in the City of Olean Monday through Saturday.
The OATS Downtown Destinations Circulator Bus Route operates in the City of Olean Monday through Saturday.
The Olean-Salamanca-Seneca Allegany bus route operates between the Cities of Olean and Salamanca, and the Allegany Territory of the Seneca Nation of Indians Monday through Saturday.
The St. Bonaventure Shuttle Bus Route operates from the campus of St. Bonaventure University into the City of Olean, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.
The St. Bonaventure late Night Shuttle operates from the campus of St. Bonaventure University into the Village of Allegany, New York on Thursday through Saturday nights.
The St. Bonaventure routes operate during the Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 and the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 St. Bonaventure academic sessions.

OATS route schedules are available for review on the City of Olean webpage, www.cityofolean.org.

The transportation services will be available to the general public during all hours of operation. In accordance with the City of Olean ADA Paratransit Policy, during the specified times that wheelchair equipped vehicles are not used to provide fixed route deviation service, OATS shall provide paratransit service to individuals with disabilities that are eligible for ADA paratransit service which is comparable to the level of service provided to individuals without disabilities who use the fixed route system. Paratransit service is comparable transportation service required by the ADA for individuals with disabilities who are unable to use fixed route transportation systems and is available within ¾ mile of the fixed route.

The 2019 and 2020 operating assistance projects are expected to be financed by federal Section 5311 public transportation funds, federal funds available under the Supportive Employment Services and Appalachian Development Public Transportation Assistance Programs, with additional funds to be provided from the New York Statewide Transportation Operating Assistance Program, the City of Olean, Cattaraugus County, St. Bonaventure University, Intandem, Inc., the City of Salamanca, and the Seneca Nation of Indians.

The total amount of federal section 5311 funds for the 2019 and 2020 OATS operating assistance projects are $164,500 and $164,500, respectively.

The application includes up to $140,000 in Supportive Employment Services and up to $15,500
Public Notice is further made that the City of Olean is applying for federal financial capital assistance under the Section 5311 program to purchase three (3) medium-duty, mid-sized bus (Lot K) equipped with three (3) wheelchair stations. The new vehicles will replace two 2015 vehicles which will have satisfied NYSDOT useful life mileage service requirements and one additional new bus to increase the OATS fleet size. The new bus is required to meet OATS peak hour bus service requirements, as well as provide one needed spare bus. The vehicles will be used to provide the fixed route, route deviation, open-door public transportation services in the City of Olean and its environs in Cattaraugus County, the Allegany Territory of the Seneca Nation, and the City of Salamanca.

In total, the federal share for the City of Olean 2019-20 5311 application for operating and capital assistance projects is expected to be up to a total of $1,500,000.

Comments on the proposed projects are invited from the general public, private bus and taxi companies, other public transportation providers and human service agencies. Interested parties may comment on the project or obtain more details about the project by contacting or writing to:

Keri L. Stephen  
Program Coordinator  
Department of Community Development  
Olean Municipal Building, Room 209  
101 East State Street  
Olean, NY 14760  
Phone: 716-376-5647  
E-mail: kstephen@cityofolean.org

Human service agencies that receive assistance from other Federal agencies for non-emergency transportation services are encouraged to participate and coordinate with the provider in the planning, design and delivery of transportation services. Agencies may obtain copies of the service description and submit proposals for service coordination. Private bus and taxi operators may request copies of the project service description from the above-named person and may submit comments on the service as described.

If you wish to comment on any aspect of the proposed project, submit a proposal or a request for service coordination or request a public hearing on the project, you must make your interest known in writing within fifteen days of the date of this publication and provide your comments within fifteen days of your receipt of the project service description. Your requests and/or comments must be forwarded to the above person.