



**LAKER TRANSPORTATION PROJECT, INC.**

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**RE: Building Permit Application Narrative**

The Laker Transportation Project is a non-profit transportation provider for senior and disabled residents of Skaneateles. Familiarly it is known in the community as "Laker Limo". Laker Limo is the only transportation service for the Skaneateles area's senior citizens and disabled residents which provides wheelchair accessible rides to the surrounding areas including Syracuse.

Since it's inception in November 2002, the Laker Limo has provided over 1200 rides/year which served as a vital resource and opportunity for these residents to access the world beyond what they can see from their windows. On average, the Laker Limo transports 18 passengers per week to just as many various locations. Requiring only that reservations be made two days in advance, Laker Limo provides daily door-to-door transportation weekdays from 9:00 – 5:00 for such critical needs as attending medical appointments, food and personal shopping, and accessing a wide array of social events to advance the quality of their lives. The service is free for the economically challenged, while others may make a recommended donation that is posted in our vehicles. \$2 for a round trip in Skaneateles, \$3 for a round trip to Auburn, \$5 for a round trip to the greater Syracuse area.

The project is made possible by a team of approximately 70 trained volunteers that rotate their donated time monthly to man either a 10-seat shuttle bus with two wheelchair lockdown stations or a 6-seat mini van. Volunteers donate one day a month. A schedule is made up quarterly, so volunteers know well in advance their days of service. With both a driver and escort on board during all trips, riders can be comfortable during transportation with conversation and, if necessary, can be physically assisted during arrival and departure.

Laker Limo has collaborated with the Town of Skaneateles which enabled a reduction of fuel costs and vehicle storage. The Town has provided two garage bays in a municipal building for vehicle storage which is due to become the new library location. Laker Limo must find new accommodations for vehicle storage.

Laker Transportation Project Inc. will purchase a 3.81 acre lot (I.D. #029.-01-02.2) on Mottville Road and Old Seneca Tnpk. The intension is to construct a transportation center for the purpose of housing vehicles with an office area to manage transportation needs and volunteer staff.

A 50 x 50 pole barn structure will be accessed from Mottville Road. The garage portion of the structure 25 x 50 will have a drive thru access with overhead doors on each end. The concrete floor will be heated and there will be access to water and a boiler room. The office portion of the structure will consist of a conference room/training area, office area, rest room, and a small kitchenette.

A parking area will be along the front Mottville Road side and will accommodate approximately (5) vehicles. Daily activity is minimal, 1-3 vehicles per day sometime between 8:00 and 6:00. A driver and escort will pick up a predetermined run route and a vehicle, then complete various transportation requests, then return the vehicle. Entry will be a coded lock door on front Mottville Road side with motion sensor lighting that conforms with code requirements.

Your approval of this opportunity to improve this community resource would be appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration  
Laker Transportation Board of Directors



