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York's rabbittransit turns to Uber, Lyft to broaden paratransit service



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A central Pennsylvania transit service is partnering with Uber and Lyft to offer rides to some of its clients, local TV stations report.

York-based rabbittransit provides door-to-door paratransit services to the elderly and people with disabilities. It has a fleet of minibuses that it uses, picking up and dropping off riders.

The partnership expands rabbittransit's ability to provide service. Clients make a reservation as normal, then rabbittransit decides whether to send one of its vehicles or book a rideshare, executive director Richard Farr [told abc27](#). For clients, the price is the same either way, he said.

In Lancaster County, the Red Rose Transit Authority is interested in the idea for its Access paratransit service.

It's watching rabbittransit's experiment to see how it goes "and how the insurance risk is being covered," said Dave Kilmer, executive director of the South Central Transit Authority, Red Rose's parent organization.

Rabbittransit "is still working out some details such as cost," [reports Fox43](#). Paratransit service is underwritten by state and federal funding, but ridesharing sometimes costs more than rabbittransit can charge off.

Rabbittransit plans to expand ridesharing from York County into the other nine counties it serves by next year, [abc27](#) says.

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