

Bus Day at the State House



The SC Transportation Alliance (formerly the Transportation Association of SC) held a Senior Day/Bus Day transportation event at the State House on May 5, 2016. The Lt. Governor's Office on Aging (LGOA), a partner, expected about 500 seniors from across the state to attend the event. The LGOA worked with Chick-Fil-A to provide lunch for the seniors and the members of the General Assembly. The LWVSC was asked to provide volunteers to distribute name tags, water, and safety vests to bus drivers and other volunteers. League members were also gave rest and lunch breaks to workers at the main table. AARPSC was present to provide information to seniors about the programs and benefits available to them.

The South Carolina Alliance for Mobile Infrastructure (The Alliance) is a nonprofit organization that promotes public transportation in South Carolina. Its members include public service transportation providers, human services agencies providing specialized transportation services to seniors and persons with disabilities and special needs, government agencies, private transportation providers, educational institutions, and for-profit vendors that serve the transportation industry. **Terecia W. Wilson** is the director of SC Alliance for Mobile Infrastructure.



Transportation is a major concern for many seniors in our state. Access to safe and reliable transportation is critical for seniors to be able to age in place and stay involved with their communities. In 1988 Transportation was incorporated into the Meeting Basic Human Needs position of **League of Women Voters**. Leagues use the Transportation position to back local and regional moves to improve mass transit and support other alternatives.

LWV volunteers included **JoAnn Day**, State co-president; **Susan Richards**, State Transportation chair; **Julie Sellers**, Columbia area president; Sharon **Ayling**, Columbia area secretary and volunteer organizer for event; **Lil Mood**, Transportation Committee chair; **Rosemary Greco**, volunteer. **Marsha Johnson**, friend of Lil Mood and president of **Mass Transit Riders Association**.



At the registration table for volunteers, **Lil Mood** (LWVCA Transportation chair) and **Terecia Wilson** (Director, SC Alliance for Mobile Infrastructure) are pleased that the event is running so smoothly. Terecia had distributed detailed and organized instructions guaranteeing success.



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Mascots liven the day

Far left: Linky shows off the Tri-County logo.

Left: Both operations needing bus service, Firefly and Cocky work to persuade legislators to support more funding for buss service.

Left: Susan Richards, JoAnn Day, and Marsha Johnson wait for volunteers to sign in to receive badges. Above: Rosemary Greco and Julie Sellers look to see drivers arriving for water. The day started out chilly, but progressively got warmer and warmer.