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Harford Transit LINK Seeks Public Input on Proposed Bus Service Improvements

BEL AIR, Md., (Nov. 7, 2018) - Harford Transit LINK will hold three public hearings on proposed changes to its fixed route bus schedule, as required by the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The proposed changes are the result of an analysis of all routes to improve on-time performance, and a response to customer requests for increased service frequency and expanded service hours. There are no stops proposed for elimination and some stops are proposed to be added.

Planned improvements include reducing the time between buses from 1.5 hours to one hour; expanded weekday service hours until 9 p.m. on some routes; converting higher volume “flag stops” to regular bus stops; reducing the need for bus transfers, and making schedules easier to read. Complete details will be published online on Friday, Nov. 9, 2018 at www.harfordtransit.org and will be presented at the hearings. Following a review of public input, the finalized routes will be made public on December 20 for route changes that will take effect on Monday, January 14, 2019.

Two of the public hearings will be held on Monday, November 19 as follows:

- 1:00 p.m. at the Harford County Office of Community and Economic Development, 2021 Pulaski Highway, Suite D in Havre de Grace. Direct service to this location is available on Harford LINK’s Route 1/1A (stop name: UC Med Ctr/Swan Creek Village Ctr) with connections to Route 2/2A, Route 3, Route 4, Route 6/6A, Route 7, and Route 8; and on

Route 7 (stop name: UC Med Ctr/Swan Creek Village Ctr) with connections to Route 1/1A, Route 4, Route 6/6A and Route 8.

- 5:00 p.m. at the McFaul Senior Activity Center, 525 West MacPhail Road in Bel Air. Direct service to this location is available on Harford Transit LINK bus Route 3 (stop name: MVA) with connections to Route 1/1A and Route 2/2A; and on Route 2/2A (stop name: MVA) with connections to Route 1/1A, Route 3, Route 5, Route 6/6A and Route 8.

The third public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 20:

- 5:00 p.m. at the Edgewood Senior Activity Center, 1000 Gateway Drive in Edgewood. Direct service to this location is available on Harford Transit LINK Routes 5 (stop name: Gateway Dr & Judy Way) with connections to Route 2/2A, Route 6/6A, and Route 8; and on Route 6/6A (stop name: Gateway Dr & Judy Way) with connections to Route 1/1A, Route 2/2A, Route 4, Route 7 and Route 8.

To request disability related accommodations, or for further information, please contact Gary Blazinsky of Harford Transit LINK at 410-612-1620. Those who are unable to attend the public hearings may send comments via email to hcts@harfordcountymd.gov no later than December 13, or by U.S. Mail to Harford Transit LINK, 1311 Abingdon Road, Abingdon, Md. 21009. Letters must be postmarked by December 13, 2018.

Harford Transit LINK fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. For more information, email humanrelations@harfordcountymd.gov or call 410-638-4739.

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