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THE NEW YEAR BRINGS NEW TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS, HARFORD TRANSIT'S SATURDAY SERVICE BEGINS JANUARY 10

(Bel Air, MD- December 24, 2008) - - Harford Transit is proud to present Saturday service beginning January 10, 2009 on the following fixed routes: the 1/1A (Havre de Grace, Aberdeen, Bel Air); 2/2A (Joppatowne, Abingdon, Edgewood, Bel Air); and 6/6A (Aberdeen, Edgewood). The service will run from 7 AM 5 PM (except the 6/6A, which will run from 6:55 AM to 4:56 PM).

Were doing more with less, said County Executive David Craig. We are responding to our citizens overwhelming demands for extended Harford Transit service while creating a way to help stimulate the economy. By providing Saturday service we are allowing our citizens more transportation options; people will now have more opportunity to get their shopping done and travel to work.

It is our hope people will continue to increase their use of Harford Transit, said Mary Chance, Director, Harford County Department of Community Services. Saturday service helps get people to where they need to be on the weekend, and also increases ridership and visibility in our community.

Harford Transit also recently added limited weekday evening hours. On December 1, 2008, the new Demand Response Service began, available to eligible senior citizens, individuals with disabilities, and low-income wage earners. The new service is available between 4:00 9:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Reservations must be made to access the new service; make sure to book your trip by 2:00 PM the working day before you wish to travel.

Harford Transit operates a fixed route bus system serving population centers in Havre de Grace, Aberdeen, Bel Air, Edgewood and Joppa and points in between. Harford Transit operates ten public bus routes serving Harford County and beyond use Harford Transit to travel to Aberdeen, Abingdon, Bel Air, Edgewood, Havre de Grace, Joppatowne, Perryman, Riverside, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Eastpoint Mall and White March Mall. Use Harford Transit to link with MTAs Flyer and MARC Train services to Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

Harford Transit, a division within the Department of Community Services, provides services

in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Buses are wheelchair accessible. This service is provided by Harford Transit for the general public and approved for operation by the Maryland Public Service Commission.

The Harford County Department of Community Services was established in 1979 via Executive Order and works daily to meet the needs of our seniors, youth, persons with disabilities and those struggling to overcome addiction. The Department works with federal, state, local and private agencies to ensure our county continues to evolve and remains dedicated to providing the best possible services for our citizens and community.

For more information, please call Harford Transit at 410-612-1620 or visit www.harfordtransit.org.