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MTA ANNOUNCES PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR PROPOSED NEW INTERCOUNTY CONNECTOR BUS ROUTES

BALTIMORE, MD (SEPTEMBER 22, 2011) – The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) will hold a series of public hearings on three new proposed Commuter Bus routes that are scheduled to begin service January 3, 2012. These hearings will provide the public an opportunity to comment.

Proposed Commuter Bus Routes 203, 204 and 205 will operate along the current InterCounty Connector (ICC) route connecting riders from Columbia to the Medical Center Metro in Bethesda, Monocacy MARC Station to the College Park Metro/MARC Station, and College Park to the Germantown Transit Center. These new routes are expected to link some regional markets more efficiently and improve access from Montgomery County to key business destinations such as the BWI Airport Business District. Also, it will grant easier access from eastern Montgomery County, Frederick County, Howard County, Prince George's County and Anne Arundel County to the I-270 Technology Corridor and the Maryland Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) facilities at Fort Meade and Bethesda.

Four public hearings are scheduled at the following times and locations:

Tuesday, September 27, 2011

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Winchester Hall

1st Floor Hearing Room

12 East Church Street

Frederick, MD 21701

Monday, October 3, 2011

12:00pm – 2:00pm and

6:30pm – 8:30pm

College Park City Hall

Council Chambers 2nd Floor

4500 Knox Road

College Park, MD 20704

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Owen Brown Interfaith Center

7246 Cradlerock Way

Columbia, MD 21045

Thursday, October 6

12:00pm – 2:00pm and

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Activity Center at Bohrer Park

Summit Hall Farm, Room A

506 S. Frederick Ave.

Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Community members are encouraged to attend the hearings, where they can discuss the proposed bus routes. Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Monday, November 7, 2011 and should be sent to MTA, Office of Customer Information, 6 Saint Paul Street, Baltimore, MD

21202. Emails to mtahearingrecord@mta.maryland.gov with your comments will also be welcomed until Monday, November 7, 2011.

For general information on MTA service, visit www.mta.maryland.gov. Customers can also call the MTA Transit Information Center Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. at 410-539-5000. TTY: 410-539-3497. To sign-up for email about service modifications and delays, go to www.mta.maryland.gov/enotifications.

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