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HDPT Celebrates Significant Milestone

Harrisonburg, VA – The Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT) has a lot to celebrate and will soon officially open its new doors to the public.

On Friday, August 8, members of the community are invited to attend HDPT’s open house, which will signify substantial completion and a grand opening of the new facilities that have been under construction since November 2012. The event will kick off with a ceremony at 10:00 a.m. and the public will then have an opportunity to tour the new facilities until 1:30 p.m. in an open house format.

Howard Shockey & Sons, Inc. of Winchester was the project’s general contractor, which included the demolition of the former building, design, and construction of administration and maintenance buildings, service bays, fueling station, wash bays, and storage area.

“This is an exciting time in the history of this department and our city,” said Reggie Smith, Director of HDPT. “Looking back to when we started, I’m proud of our accomplishments, the progress we have made, and the direction this department is going.”

After humble beginnings and with one taxi cab, HDPT was formulated into a city department in 1976. By 1980, HDPT had nine taxi cabs, three mini buses, and three school buses in its fleet. Today, HDPT maintains and repairs all city-owned vehicles and has 47 school buses, 34 transit buses, and eight paratransit buses. More than 3.5 million passengers are transported on transit buses each year.

More information about HDPT and the construction project is available at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/HDPT.

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