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## City Hires Assistant Director of Public Transportation

Harrisonburg, Va. – The Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT) will expand by one with the addition of an assistant director.

Gerald Gatobu has been hired as the assistant director of HDPT.

This position is new to the department and was approved in an effort to provide the management depth that a department this size needs in order to provide service to a growing population.

“Gerald will be a great addition to HDPT,” said Reggie Smith, director of the Department of Public Transportation. “We operate our system very well but with the growth in the Harrisonburg City Public Schools, James Madison University, and our general population, Gerald’s planning background will help us be proactive in planning our system for years to come.”

Gatobu joins Harrisonburg after working in transportation planning for Albemarle County and Virginia Department of Transportation for the past 10 years. He has a master’s degree in Urban Planning and undergraduate degrees in Computer Information Systems and Business Administration Commerce. He is also a Certified Planner (AICP) through the American Planning Association.

For more information on Harrisonburg’s Department of Public Transportation (HDPT), please check out <http://www.harrisonburgva.gov/hdpt> or call 540-432-0492.

*Situated on a 16-acre site, the **Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation’s** newly constructed and award-winning administrative and maintenance facilities are home to approximately 120 employees and 117 buses, both school and transit buses. To learn more about HDPT, visit [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/HDPT](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/HDPT) or to follow them on social media visit their [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) sites.*



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