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HDPT Seeks Input for Six Year Transit Development Plan

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg’s Department of Public Transportation (HDPT) is in the process of updating its six year transit development plan.

Every six years, HDPT is required to update its plan. The process for the city’s next update started in the fall with a kickoff meeting and surveys that were conducted for riders on the buses.

A transit development plan is a state required study of the city’s transit services. It helps identify transit service needs, prioritize improvements, and determine the resources required for implementing modified or new service. This plan includes an evaluation of the current transit routes and service levels, an analysis of ridership, and recommendations regarding the cost of providing transit services.

A public survey is being conducted as part of the planning process. The purpose of the survey is to enable area residents to voice their opinions concerning public transportation in the city. The survey is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Harrisonburg> and will be open until January 31, 2017.

Paper copies of the survey are available in English and Spanish and can be found at the following locations:

- Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation, 475 E. Washington Street;
- City Hall, 409 S. Main Street; and
- Harrisonburg-Rockingham Department of Social Services, 110 N. Mason Street.

The anticipated completion date for the transit development plan is September 2017.

For more information, contact Gerald Gatobu, assistant director of HDPT, at Gerald.gatobu@harrisonburgva.gov or 540-432-0492. Additional information about HDPT and the services it provides is available at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/HDPT.

*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 or to follow them on social media visit their [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) sites.*



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