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Harford Transit LINK Operations Limited to Essential Services in COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic

BEL AIR, Md., (March 18, 2020) – In response to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, Harford Transit LINK will limit operations to protect the public while continuing to provide essential bus transportation services. The following changes are effective Thursday, March 19 until further notice:

<u>Demand Response Service</u> will continue for medical trips, such as dialysis and chemotherapy, to hospitals, clinics and health facilities, and trips to pharmacies and grocery stores. Demand Response service hours will be limited to 5 a.m. - 5 p.m. All previously scheduled non-medical/non-essential Demand Response client trips will be canceled and no new trips will be scheduled at this time.

<u>Fixed Routes Service</u> will continue to operate Monday – Friday, with service hours limited to 5:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Routes are being maintained at this time, but schedules within each route may be reduced over time, depending on ridership. Riders should review transit schedules in advance and plan accordingly: http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/2283/Bus-Routes.

Harford Transit Office, located in Abingdon, is closed to the public.

Bus tickets may still be purchased through the free Token Transit app, available at https://www.harfordcountymd.gov/2650/Token-Transit, or when boarding the fixed route buses.

Real-time bus locations and schedules are available through the free RouteShout 2.0 mobile app. More information is at http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/1959/RouteShout.

Harford LINK is also implementing protocols for public safety that are aligned with recommendations from the Maryland Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control. For more information, please call 410-612-1620.

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