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Transit Expands Shuttle Service on Routes to Emmitsburg/Thurmont and Brunswick/Jefferson

FREDERICK, Md. – People living in Brunswick, Emmitsburg, Jefferson and Thurmont will soon have more access to Transit’s award-winning service, including round-trip shuttles on Saturdays, thanks to a pilot program that launches Saturday, April 1st. County Executive Jessica Fitzwater announced the expansion today. She was joined by the mayors of Brunswick, Emmitsburg and Thurmont.

“We asked communities in the northern and southern areas of Frederick County how we could better serve them,” Executive Fitzwater said, “and people told us they needed more options to get to medical appointments, shop, and even get to work. By expanding access to Transit, we are expanding opportunities for people who live in our smaller, more rural communities.”

Brunswick Mayor Nathan Brown said, “We are excited to have great partnerships with Frederick County Government and create new opportunities to expand services that our community members want and need.”

“Expanding connectivity has been a work in progress for some time,” noted Emmitsburg Mayor Don Briggs. “Mass public transit is the sustainable way and helps our seniors and students.”

Thurmont Mayor John Kinnaird added, “The residents of Thurmont appreciate the increase in transit services. Our seniors will greatly benefit from this expansion.”

Frederick is one of the fastest growing counties in Maryland, and Transit Services’ ridership continues to grow. In fiscal year 2022, riders took more than 550,000 trips on Transit’s fixed route and paratransit services, an increase of over 130,000 trips from the year before. Transit is focused on improving the customer experience, regardless of where a rider boards, and is identifying improvements to bus stops and transfer facilities throughout Frederick County.

“This pilot service expansion is a direct result of listening to transit riders and community members,” said Roman Steichen, Director. “It is critical to meet people where they are, and we commit to working together across the board to ensure that riders have the opportunity to access every opportunity here in Frederick County.”

The pilot program includes the following features:

- **Brunswick/Jefferson** riders will have two round trips between Frederick and Brunswick every Saturday.
- The **Brunswick/Jefferson** route’s first trip will start in Frederick, rather than in Brunswick, ensuring employees can get to early shifts in Brunswick.

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- **Emmitsburg/Thurmont** riders asked for a late morning option that provides access to medical appointments along Thomas Johnson Drive, so a late morning trip will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- **Emmitsburg/Thurmont** riders will have two round trips between Frederick and those communities every Saturday, supporting Mount St. Mary's University students, as well as community members throughout northern Frederick County.
- Riders of both the **Brunswick/Jefferson** and **Emmitsburg/Thurmont** shuttles will have improved bus stops, including accessibility upgrades, places to sit, and updated signage.

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