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HDPT seeks feedback on long-range Transit Strategic Plan

HARRISONBURG, Va. – The Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT) is looking for community feedback about its plans for the next decade of bus service in The Friendly City.

HDPT’s draft Transit Strategic Plan is now available online at <https://harrisonburgva.gov/hdpt>. Transit strategic plans are required for transit agencies operating in metropolitan areas of Virginia to ensure transit services are planned to better meet the community’s mobility needs. Harrisonburg community members can review the plan and provide any comments using the Online Comment form on the website by Sunday, June 23, for input to be considered in the final document.



(Above) HDPT buses sit outside a JMU football game.

The 10-year plan presents HDPT with an opportunity to evaluate and update the department’s services and network to respond to changes in the community. The plan is the result of data analysis, previous plans and studies and input gained from riders and others in the community who took part in pop-up engagement events or completed HDPT’s survey on the topic.

“We are very excited about the future of public transportation in Harrisonburg, and this new Transit Strategic Plan will go a long way toward preparing us for that future,” HDPT Deputy Director Cheryl Spain said. “The three key priorities of HDPT are Safety, Customer Service and Schedule. And I believe all three areas are being strengthened thanks to the community taking part in this process and making sure their needs are represented as we create our next long-range plan.”

Find more information on HDPT and receive updates on routes, bus schedules and other transit-related events at <https://www.facebook.com/rideHDPT>.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 55,990 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.

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