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Maury Express Public Transit Launches March 1

Will provide service to Lexington, Buena Vista, and Rockbridge County

LEXINGTON, Va.--(February 17, 2011)— RADAR, a not-for-profit public transportation provider, will begin its public transit service to serve Lexington, Buena Vista, and Rockbridge County on March 1.

The new service will be known as the “Maury Express” and will operate Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Riders will pay a fare of \$.50 upon boarding except Washington & Lee University and Virginia Military Institute (VMI) students, who will ride free upon presentation of a valid student ID card.

The Maury Express will provide what is known as deviated fixed route transit services. Deviated fixed routes are designed to provide basic transportation services catering to the general public and ADA-certified residents. Each route follows a published schedule and designated route. However, with advance notice, ADA-certified riders may request a route deviation—for either a pick up or drop off—up to 3/4 of a mile from the scheduled route.

Route maps and information about the Maury Express can be found at www.radartransit.org and at various locations long the bus route.

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation completed a feasibility study in 2008 to determine the need for public transit service in the area. An advisory board comprised of representatives from Lexington, Buena Vista, Rockbridge County, Washington & Lee University and VMI was appointed to manage the competitive vendor selection process and will oversee the transit service moving forward.

For more information contact RADAR representatives, Leon Robertson at (800) 964-5707, ext. 105 or leon@radartransit.org or Curtis Andrews at Extension 102 or curtis@radartransit.org.

ABOUT RADAR

RADAR is a private not-for-profit community corporation located in Roanoke, Virginia. RADAR has partnered with local governments and social service agencies to provide reliable, affordable transportation services since 1975. Currently, RADAR operates similar systems in the counties of Alleghany, Roanoke and Henry; the cities of Covington and Martinsville; and the towns of Iron Gate and Clifton Forge.

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