



NEWS RELEASE

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Informational meeting set for proposed public transit routes

A Public Informational Meeting concerning a pilot public transportation system for Martinsville and Henry County will be held December 8 at the County Administration Building.

The meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the first floor meeting room.

The Commonwealth Transportation Board recently approved \$114,000 to go toward the funding for the pilot program in the Martinsville-Henry County area. The pilot project will provide a one-year look at a public transit system for the Martinsville-Henry County area. If the project is successful in its first year, the localities can apply for federal and state funding in subsequent years.

The system, named Piedmont Area Regional Transit (PART), will be managed by RADAR of Roanoke, a non-profit organization that has organized and maintained both public and private human service transportation for more than 25 years.

The proposed service will operate Monday through Friday between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. A fare of \$1.00 per trip will be charged with exact change required. This fare must be paid before boarding the bus. Children under the age of six (6) years old ride at no charge.

Routes will be served by a 14-passenger handicapped accessible bus and will consist of two loops with a connecting point at Wal-Mart. Designated stops will be located at high traffic retail areas, industrial parks, college campuses, medical facilities, and government offices. A tentative route has been designed and will be the basis of public comment at the December 8 meeting.

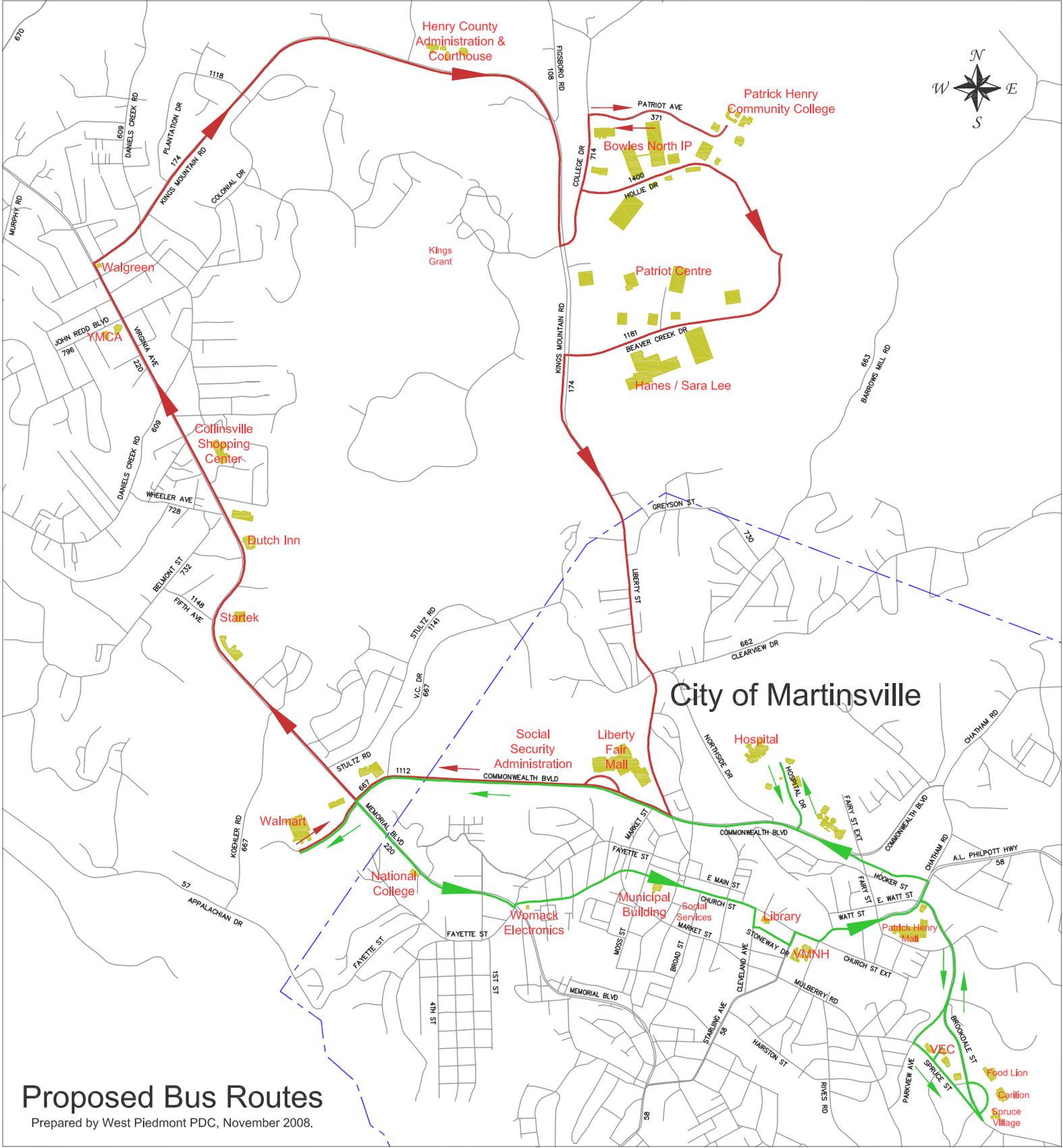
Among the locations tentatively targeted for stops are the Virginia Employment Commission, Social Services, Social Security Office, Health Department, and City and County Government buildings, as well as major retail locations.

Individuals who are ADA certified may request the bus to deviate off the route to make pick-ups and drops-offs. The distance of deviation may not exceed $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile and the requested pick-up or drop-off time must meet the bus' regular schedule.

The Public Information meeting is designed for citizens to consider the proposed route and operational issues and provide feedback.

For more information, please contact Leon Towarnicki, the City of Martinsville's Director of Public Works at (276) 403-5154; Lee Clark, Henry County's Director of Planning, Zoning & Inspection at (276) 634-4620; or Curtis Andrews, RADAR at (800) 964-5707 Ext. 102.

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Proposed Bus Routes

Prepared by West Piedmont PDC, November 2008.

**MARTINSVILLE/HENRY COUNTY
PROPOSED PUBLIC ROUTE**

11/25/2008

HENRY COUNTY	#1	#2	#3	#4
WALMART	6:00	9:00	12:00	3:00
STARTEK	6:10	9:10	12:10	3:10
DUTCH INN	6:15	9:15	12:15	3:15
COLLINSVILLE SHOPPING CENTER	6:20	9:20	12:20	3:20
YMCA	6:25	9:25	12:25	3:25
WALGREENS	6:30	9:30	12:30	3:30
HENRY COUNTY ADM & COURTHOUSE	6:40	9:40	12:40	3:40
PATRICK HENRY C.C. INDUSTRIAL PARKS	6:50	9:50	12:50	3:50
HOLLIE DRIVE	6:55	9:55	12:55	3:55
HANES/SARA LEE	7:00	10:00	1:00	4:00
LIBERTY FAIR MALL	7:10	10:10	1:10	4:10
SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE	7:15	10:15	1:15	4:15
WALMART	7:25	10:25	1:25	4:25

MARTINSVILLE ROUTE	#1	#2	#3	#4
WALMART	7:30	10:30	1:30	4:30
NATIONAL COLLEGE	7:35	10:35	1:35	4:35
WOMACK ELECTRONICS	7:40	10:40	1:40	4:40
MUNICIPAL BLDG/SOCIAL SERVICES LIBRARY	7:45	10:45	1:45	4:45
MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY	7:50	10:50	1:50	4:50
MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY	7:55	10:55	1:55	4:55
SPRUCE VILLAGE	8:05	11:05	2:00	5:05
CARILION MEDICAL	8:10	11:10	2:10	5:10
FOOD LION	8:15	11:15	2:15	5:15
VIRGINIA EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION	8:20	11:20	2:20	5:20
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	8:30	11:30	2:30	5:30
LIBERTY FAIR MALL	8:40	11:40	2:40	5:40
SOCIAL SECURITY	8:45	11:45	2:45	5:45
WALMART	8:55	11:55	2:55	5:55