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Extended Service on Music City Circuit Celebrated in North Nashville *Free, all-electric service replaces former Jefferson St route*

NASHVILLE – Customers living in North Nashville along historic Jefferson Street now have access to the Music City Circuit, a route formerly operating exclusively in the downtown footprint, now providing a free transit option for residents and workers in the community.

On Friday, October 13, the Nashville MTA partnered with Nashville Mayor Megan Barry and the Metro Council to celebrate at Gateway to Heritage Plaza, located along Jefferson Street and 26th Avenue. There, Mayor Barry, Metro Council At-Large Sharon Hurt, Nashville MTA Board Chair Gail Carr Williams, and Nashville MTA CEO Steve Bland spoke of opportunities presented by bringing an affordable and environmentally-friendly service with increased frequency to serve the North Nashville community.

“As Nashville grows, it’s important that we create as much connectivity as possible so that residents and visitors can move back and forth from one vibrant neighborhood to another. When we can make it so people can do that for free, that’s even better,” said Mayor Megan Barry. “The extension of the Music City Circuit will connect TSU to Downtown while promoting economic activity and tourism along the historic Jefferson Street corridor.”

The replacement of the 29 Jefferson and subsequent expansion of the 60 Music City Circuit is yet another step in Mayor Barry and Nashville MTA’s response to calls for increased service options and the need to improve access to opportunity, as identified through the nMotion process.

“The all-electric buses that will now operate on Jefferson Street are part of an ongoing effort at MTA to embrace and implement alternative energy transportation,” said MTA Board Chair Gail Carr-Williams. “This helps us to not only provide transit service for riders to get to and from work, school, shopping, houses of worship, and entertainment, but to do so responsibly by reducing our carbon emissions, and eliminating both air and noise pollution for everyone along the corridor.”

In September 2017, Nashville MTA was announced as a grant recipient of the US Department of Transportation’s Federal Transit Administration Low or No Emission Vehicle program, which funds the development of transit buses and infrastructure that use advanced fuel technologies. MTA was awarded \$500,000 through the Lo-No grant, which will go toward the purchase of more all-electric buses to operate on the Music City Circuit throughout downtown and North Nashville.

Music City Circuit service along Jefferson Street began Sunday, October 1. This route extends service from Bicentennial Mall and the Nashville Farmer’s Market via 5th Avenue and Jefferson Street, onto John Merritt and 33rd Avenue by Tennessee State University. The route also serves key stops to access Meharry Medical College and Fisk University. Transfer points to MTA routes 21 University Connector, 22 Bordeaux, and 42 St. Cecilia/Cumberland are available.

For more information about this exciting service improvement, please visit nashvillemta.org or call Customer Care at 615-862-5950.

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