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RTA Board approves service to Clarksville and July 4th special event train

NASHVILLE –The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Board of Directors voted today to approve new express bus service to Clarksville. Service will begin on Friday, June 1.

Cost to ride is \$4 per ride. The buses are equipped with restrooms and televisions and can accommodate up to 54 passengers. A 20-Ride R&R Express Plus pass also is available for \$70.

Buses will depart weekdays from the Clarksville Rossvie Road Park-n-Ride at 5:52 a.m. and 6:50 a.m. and arrive at Music City Central in downtown Nashville at 6:45 a.m. and 7:45 a.m. The afternoon buses will depart Bay 13 at Music City Central (MCC) at 4:10 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and arrive at the Clarksville Rossvie Road Park-n-Ride at 5:05 p.m. and 5:55 p.m.

The Clarksville Transit System (CTS) will provide local bus service to and from the RTA park-n-ride serving the route. CTS fares will apply for connecting CTS service. For more information on CTS service, call CTS at (931) 553-2429.

Nashville residents who work in Clarksville also can utilize this new service. A bus departs MCC Bay 13 at 5:45 a.m. and arrives at the Clarksville Rossvie Road Park-n-Ride at 6:40 a.m. In the afternoon, a bus departs the Clarksville Rossvie Road Park-n-Ride at 5:15 p.m. and arrives at MCC in downtown Nashville at 6:10 p.m.

Funding for the route was awarded through a federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant, which requires local matching funds. The city of Clarksville and the Tennessee Department of Transportation are providing the local match.

Currently, there are five other RTA regional bus routes in the Middle Tennessee area with express service to Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner and Williamson counties.

Gray Line of Tennessee will operate the express buses for the new Clarksville service under a contract with the RTA.

In other action, the RTA Board voted to once again operate a special event train to the July 4th fireworks at Riverfront Park. Round-trip train tickets cost \$12 and will go on sale on June 4.

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