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Fredericksburg Regional Transit to Offer Fare Free Service Beginning February 28, 2022

Fredericksburg Regional Transit (FRED) will begin fare free service on all routes beginning Monday, February 28, 2022. FRED received grant funding through the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) through the Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP). This program and funding approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will allow the transit system to operate a zero-fare transit model, also called "fare free" transit service. Starting February 28th, the Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP) Grant along with support from the localities and other grant sources will allow transit riders to not pay a fare to board any of FRED's buses. This program will be reviewed periodically to determine its impact and viability for the transit system and FRED's local funding partners in the future.



"FRED is a valuable asset to the community and this funding award is a major step forward to improving public transportation access in the Greater Fredericksburg Region. This funding removes a barrier for all who use our public transit system; including those who rely on FRED for their daily transportation needs," says Jamie Jackson, Director of Public Transit and Transportation.

Zero fare service is anticipated to increase ridership, as transit riders will be able to take the trips they need to get to work, school, medical appointments and to "do-life" without the financial burden of paying a fare to get them where they need to go. More information and details regarding zero fare service will be posted on FRED's website, rideFRED.com.

Fredericksburg Regional Transit provides accessible, efficient, safe, and affordable public transit service in the Fredericksburg region, which includes the City of Fredericksburg and the counties of Spotsylvania, and Stafford. For more information go to <http://www.ridefred.com> call 540-372-1222 or connect with us on Facebook and Twitter.

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