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“Dump the Pump Day” Promotes Public Transportation

Thousands of passenger trips are taken on public transportation in the Twin City each year. Would you be willing to join those smart commuters during “Dump the Pump Day” if you could try transit for free?

According to Wes Ritchie, Public Services Manager for the City of Bristol Tennessee, the free fare service will help improve Bristol’s air quality and let residents know that there is an alternative to driving.

“Dump the Pump” is slated for Thursday, October 21, 2010. Events include:

- ❖ Free lunch at the Downtown Center’s transit hub located on Shelby Street from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Come and enjoy the live music and learn about the valuable services provided by your transit system.
- ❖ Door prizes will be given away during lunch.
- ❖ Free-fare all day long on any transit system busses.

“The goal is to let citizens in our community know they breathe a little cleaner if they are willing to park their cars even for one day and give the transit system a try,” said Danny Hunt, Bristol Virginia’s Transit System Director.

“The Bristol TN/VA transit system sponsors this event each year as a part of the city’s commitment to protecting the environment as we move to more environmentally friendly initiatives,” stated Bill Sorah, Deputy City Manager, City of Bristol Tennessee. “We are encouraging a “greener” method to travel in the city,” Sorah continued.

According to the American Public Transportation Association, a single individual who switches to public transit can reduce daily carbon emissions by 20 pounds; that’s more than 4,800 pounds in a year. If just one member of a household switches from

driving to using public transportation, the household's carbon footprint can be reduced by 10 percent.

The city's transit system provides safe, reliable, convenient and accessible transportation for the citizens of the community.

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