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CARTA Announces Hampstead Shuttle Is Ready to Roll

Londonderry, NH- CART, the Cooperative Alliance for Regional Transportation, the first public transit service in the Greater Derry-Salem region of Southern New Hampshire, announces the launch of a new service. Beginning March 10, the Hampstead Shuttle will provide regularly scheduled demand response service to medical appointments and other destinations between Hampstead and Londonderry. The Hampstead Shuttle provides priority service to seniors and disabled persons requiring transportation; however the service is available for the general public as well. There is no fee for the service.

The Hampstead Shuttle runs Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. The shuttle will run a regularly schedule route for trips between Hampstead and Londonderry, providing reliable transportation to medical appointments, shopping and other destinations. The shuttle is a demand response service, meaning riders must call ahead to schedule pick up on the days the shuttle is running. To schedule a ride, call the CART operations center at **603-434-3569** at least 24 hours prior to the desired trip day/time and no later than 5 p.m. the day prior. The Hampstead Shuttle is provided by CART and operated by Easter Seals NH Transportation Services.

According to Annette Stoller, CART Executive Director, "We are very excited to have the Hampstead Shuttle begin providing service. This is going to be a very convenient and much needed service for seniors and others in the Hampstead community who are in need of safe and reliable transportation to medical appointments and other needs," says Stoller.

CARTA continues to provide a shared-ride public transportation service that serves residents of the towns of Chester, Derry, Hampstead, Londonderry and Salem. In addition to the Hampstead Shuttle, CART also operates regularly scheduled, fixed-route shuttle service for the Derry/Londonderry and Salem Shuttles. CART is funded by participating towns, with those contributions matched by federal transportation funds. CART began operating in October 2006 and since then has provided more than 93,829 rides for area residents. To learn more about CART, visit www.cart-rides.org or call 603-437-9999.