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CART Transit to Restore Thursday Service to Derry

Salem, NH- CART, the Greater Derry-Salem Cooperative Alliance for Regional Transportation (CART), the region's first public transit service, will add Thursday demand response service to one of the New Hampshire towns that has been a CART supporter from the inception of the non-profit. The Town of Derry recently included a boost in its matching funding of CART (and other non-profit organizations) in its budget of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016. By partially restoring funding to earlier levels, CART can once again provide rides to Derry residents on Thursdays, which includes rides to medical centers in Manchester.

In FY17 Derry will match Federal funding with \$40,000 of town funds, up from \$30,000 in FY15 and FY16. "We are very pleased that the town recognized the value that CART brings to its residents who have been among the most frequent users of the service over the years," said Mark Nelson, CART Executive Director. Annually, CART provides Derry residents with over 5000 trips, for purposes including employment, medical, shopping, and social visits. Those trips constitute over 35% of all CART trips in the region.

CART, in cooperation with Rockingham Nutrition Meals on Wheels, also provides weekly free shuttle service for Derry residents to the Marion Gerrish Senior Center and to dialysis centers.