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Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission
112 MacTanly Place—Staunton, VA 24401
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Bus Phone Number 540-943-9302

August 2015

Ridership:

	Total Passenger Trips			Passenger Trips per Service Hour		
	August, 2015	July, 2015	August, 2014	August, 2015	July, 2015	August, 2014
250 Connector	8,952	9,606	8,438	17.8	17.4	16.7
250 Connector- Sat	790	468	851	13.2	13.0	14.1
Waynesboro	3,112	3,050	2,628	12.4	11.6	10.4
Green Trolley	3,422	3,860	3,777	16.5	17.9	13.2
Silver Trolley	2,886	2,967	2,776	13.7	13.5	13.2
Red Trolley	323	237	485	9.0	8.5	12.1
Staunton On Demand	355	330	352	2.0	1.8	2.0
Augusta On Demand	14	13	18	.5	.7	.6
340 Connector	273	227	239	2.2	1.7	1.9
BRCC North	1,809	1,169	1,478	5.6	4.4	5.0
BRCC South	2,953	2,558	2,789	10.5	11.1	10.2
Total:	24,889	24,485	23,831	11.0	10.6	10.6

Spotlight:



The Transit Development Plan (TDP) was presented to the CSPDC Commissioners at their Annual Meeting held at the Frontier Museum on August 17, 2015. Following the presentation, the Commissioners took action to adopt the TDP, as the six-year service and funding plan for transit in the Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro area. At this same meeting, the Commissioners appointed representatives to the Transit Advisory Committee.

Service Notes:

- A Working Group was organized to work with a consultant to develop a feasibility, service and funding plan for transit service between Harrisonburg, Staunton, Waynesboro, and Charlottesville. Initial meetings will occur this fall, with anticipated completion of the plan next summer.
- On August 19, began providing transportation for nine Department of Adult Rehabilitative Services (DARS) students participating the in Augusta Health Project Search program. The majority of students are able to ride the fixed route service.
- Blue Ridge Community College students returned to classes on Monday, August 24th.



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September 2015

Ridership:

	Total Passenger Trips			Passenger Trips per Service Hour		
	September, 2015	August, 2015	September, 2014	September, 2015	August, 2015	September, 2014
250 Connector	9,211	8,952	8,880	18.3	17.8	17.6
250 Connector- Sat	825	790	742	17.2	13.2	15.5
Waynesboro	3,100	3,112	2,728	12.3	12.4	10.8
Green Trolley	2,973	3,422	3,281	14.3	16.5	11.5
Silver Trolley	2,582	2,886	3,675	12.3	13.7	17.5
Red Trolley	294	323	354	9.2	9.0	11.1
Staunton On Demand	337	355	346	1.9	2.0	1.9
Augusta On Demand	33	14	13	1.3	0.5	0.5
340 Connector	392	273	450	3.0	2.2	3.4
BRCC North	3,704	1,809	4,042	11.8	5.6	12.8
BRCC South	4,080	2,953	4,434	14.0	10.5	15.1
Total:	27,531	24,889	28,945	12.1	11.0	12.7

Spotlight:

Try Transit Week



The CSPDC joined the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) and transportation partners from across the Commonwealth in celebrating the seventh statewide Try Transit Week from September 21-26, 2015.

On Wednesday, September 23, in celebration of Try Transit Week, CSPDC again offered free rides on all local transit routes including the Staunton Trolley, the 250 Connector, the Waynesboro Circulator, the Blue Ridge Community College Shuttle, and the Staunton On-Demand bus. The numbers indicated that almost 200 more passenger trips occurred on this Wednesday than Wednesday of the prior week, a very similar increase to the prior year.

Service Notes:

- The first meeting of the Inter-Regional Public Transportation Feasibility Study Steering Committee was held on September 29 to finalize the scope of this planning effort. Representatives from the Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro, Harrisonburg-Rockingham, and Charlottesville-Albemarle MPO's; the area public transit systems—Charlottesville Area Transit (CAT), Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT), JAUNT, and BRITE; University of Virginia and James Madison University; and the Thomas Jefferson PDC will work with the consultant, KFH Group, Inc., to develop the study, which is planned to take ten to twelve months.
- The Staunton Green Trolley and BRCC North and South routes operated on Labor Day.
- The initial meeting of the BRITE Transit Advisory Committee (BTAC) was held September 22. Wayne Martin, representative of Blue Ridge Community College, was elected Chairperson, and Michael Barnes, representing the City of Waynesboro, was elected Vice Chairperson. It was agreed that the BTAC would meet on a bi-monthly basis, in the month that the CSPDC does not meet, and that meetings would be held in the mid-afternoon, on Wednesdays when feasible.

October 2015

Ridership:

	Total Passenger Trips			Passenger Trips per Service Hour		
	October, 2015	September, 2015	October, 2014	September, 2015	September, 2015	October, 2014
250 Connector	9,680	9,211	9,179	18.3	18.3	16.6
250 Connector- Sat	986	825	866	16.4	17.2	18.0
Waynesboro	3,299	3,100	2,793	12.5	12.3	10.1
Green Trolley	2,929	2,973	3,179	9.9	14.3	10.7
Silver Trolley	2,747	2,582	3,166	12.5	12.3	13.8
Red Trolley	333	294	355	8.3	9.2	9.9
Staunton On Demand	351	337	285	1.9	1.9	1.5
Augusta On Demand	27	33	18	0.8	1.3	0.6
340 Connector	369	392	413	2.8	3.0	3.0
BRCC North	3,219	3,704	3,410	10.4	11.8	10.5
BRCC South	3,703	4,080	3,996	12.9	14.0	13.2
Total:	27,643	27,531	27,660	11.7	12.1	11.4

Spotlight:



250 Connector Expands and Debuts BRITE Logo

Changes to the Route 250 Connector Bus Service, identified as the number one priority in the CSPDC's recently adopted Transit Development Plan (TDP), took effect Monday, November 2nd. Along with schedule changes, the 250 Connector service will debut the BRITE logo and color scheme, which will be transitioned to transit services throughout the Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro area. On October 30th, Augusta Health hosted a Ribbon-Cutting event for this debut at the Heart and Vascular Center.

Service Notes:

- Staff from CSPDC and VRT participated in ADA transit training on October 23rd in Charlottesville.
- Augusta Health hosted a Ribbon-Cutting event for the debut of the BRITE buses on the 250 Connector on October 30th.



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November 2015

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	November, 2015	October, 2015	November, 2014	November, 2015	October, 2015	November, 2014
250 Connector	8,178	9,680	6,609	14.6	18.3	14.5
250 Connector- Sat	740	986	765	8.4	16.4	12.8
Waynesboro	2,828	3,299	2,455	11.8	12.5	10.8
Green Trolley	1,891	2,929	1,900	10.3	9.9	10.6
Silver Trolley	2,455	2,747	2,424	12.3	12.5	13.3
Red Trolley	299	333	310	9.3	8.3	8.6
Staunton On Demand	319	351	222	1.9	1.9	1.4
Augusta On Demand	19	27	12	0.7	0.8	0.5
340 Connector	291	369	279	2.4	2.8	2.5
BRCC North	2,808	3,219	2,456	9.9	10.4	8.9
BRCC South	3,315	3,703	2,917	12.6	12.9	11.9
Total:	23,143	27,643	20,349	10.7	11.7	10.4

Spotlight:

In early November, CSPDC was informed that the transit service would be subject to a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Triennial Review. The Triennial Review is one of the FTA's management tools for examining grantee performance and adherence to current FTA requirements and policies. Mandated by Congress in 1982, the Triennial Review occurs once every three years. It examines how recipients of Urbanized Area Formula Program funds meet statutory and administrative requirements. The review currently examines 17 areas. In addition to helping evaluate grantees, the review gives FTA an opportunity to provide technical assistance on FTA requirements and aids FTA in reporting to the Secretary, Congress, other oversight agencies, and the transit community on the Urbanized Area Formula Program.

During the third week of November, staff traveled to Arlington to participate in a three day training program to prepare for the Review, and began the process of completing the 185 page questionnaire for submission by December 11.

GRANTEE INFORMATION REQUEST AND REVIEW PACKAGE FY 2016 Triennial Review

of the
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FY2016 GR and Review Package

Service Notes:

- On November 7, service was re-routed in Downtown Staunton to accommodate street closures related to the Veterans Day Parade.
- For the Thanksgiving holiday, on Wednesday, November 25th, the BRCC shuttle operated on a Friday schedule; on Thanksgiving Day there was no transit service; and on Friday service returned to a normal schedule.

December 2015

Ridership:

	Total Passenger Trips			Passenger Trips per Service Hour		
	December, 2015	November, 2015	December, 2014	December, 2015	November, 2015	December, 2014
250 Connector	7,664	8,178	7,570	12.7	14.6	14.3
250 Connector- Sat	611	740	444	6.9	8.4	9.3
Waynesboro	3,184	2,828	2,729	12.1	11.8	10.3
Green Trolley	1,912	1,891	2,120	9.2	10.3	10.2
Silver Trolley	2,807	2,455	2,953	12.8	12.3	13.4
Red Trolley	209	299	246	7.5	9.3	7.7
Staunton On Demand	367	319	288	2.0	1.9	1.5
Augusta On Demand	10	19	8	0.5	0.7	0.3
340 Connector	286	291	295	2.2	2.4	2.3
BRCC North	1,971	2,808	1,962	6.3	9.9	6.2
BRCC South	2,808	3,315	2,797	9.6	12.6	9.6
Total:	21,829	23,143	21,412	9.3	10.7	9.5

Spotlight:

Eddie Eustler recently celebrated his 14th year driving for Virginia Regional Transit (VRT) on November 27th. He has been a resident of the Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro area for most of his life. During the daytime he operates a school bus for Augusta County Schools, but in the evening Eddie can be found driving for the Blue Ridge Community College Connector—North. His pleasant and happy attitude make him popular with all his passengers. Eddie is proud to state, “I make sure everyone is taken care of, and don’t want to leave anyone behind.”



Service Notes:

- On Thursdays (12/24 & 12/31), the BRCC North & South operated on a Friday schedule, ending service at 6:00pm. The 250 Connectors ended service at 6:30pm. All other routes operated as scheduled.
- On Christmas and New Year Holidays, there was no service and offices were closed.