

# Carroll Area *Transit* System



## News Item For Immediate Release

### CATS Forms Advisory Group

Carroll Area Transit System (CATS), a private non-profit organization that provides public transportation services throughout Carroll County, has announced the formation of the Transportation Advisory Group. The group will meet monthly. The first meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at the CATS Transit Center.

The Transportation Advisory Group will be a 15-member group designed to provide input, ideas and consultation to the management of Carroll Area Transit System. The Group will focus on finding ways to improve existing services, to enhance and expand services and to coordinate with other community agencies providing transportation or with transportation needs.

The concept for the Transportation Advisory Group was introduced at the Transportation Summit hosted by Carroll Area Transit System on January 18<sup>th</sup>. This Summit was held to present the strategic direction for CATS while also seeking input and feedback about existing services and the need for new and expanded services. The Summit resulted in a great many suggestions and ideas. It will be the objective of the Transportation Advisory Group to find ways to implement those ideas and suggestions that could most improve transportation in Carroll County.

According to CATS Executive Director, Doug Howard, "It's easy to come up with a list of things that could be done to improve any service. The real challenge lies in finding ways to implement improvements and service enhancements, despite limited resources and competing interests. We look forward to working with the Transportation Advisory Group, the CATS Board of Directors, state and county officials and members of the community to find ways to enhance transportation, now and in the future to meet the growing transportation needs in our County."

Anyone interested in being considered for the Transportation Advisory Group should contact Doug Howard at Carroll Area Transit System at 410-876-RIDE.

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