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**New “Leading with Transit” Group Holds Public Forums to Gather Feedback on the Future of Transit**

**April 6, 2018, Halifax, NS** – The recently formed coalition of transit advocates, Leading with Transit, will hold a series of public forums to discuss and gather feedback and recommendations on the future of transit and the city. A total of four forums will be held in Dartmouth, Spryfield, Sackville, and Halifax. At each forum, there will be a presentation of best practices transit principles, question and answer period, and small-group workshop and discussion. The public is encouraged to attend and participate.

“We need the public – including your family, friends, and neighbours – to get involved,” said Juanita Spencer, Co-Chair of Leading with Transit and Executive Director of Spring Garden Area Business Association. “Transit that serves and inspires us, that touches our lives, and shapes the city has to be defined by the community. HRM’s long-term vision depends on the transit choices we make now. An overall vision for transit and the city can only happen if there is broad, loud, and enthusiastic community support.”

Leading with Transit is a collective voice representing the business community and special interest groups to various levels of government with the purpose of advancing improvements in transit beyond the current discussion and incremental change to bold, transformational action. The mission of Leading with Transit is to provide a whole-of-city view and input to the current transit discussion and present a vision for the future.

**Public Forum Dates:**

Dartmouth Public Forum  
Wednesday, April 11 – 6:00-8:00 pm  
73 Tacoma Drive, Suite #204, Community Room

Spryfield Public Forum  
April 16 – 6:30-8:30 pm  
Captain William Spry Community Centre, Kidston Room, 16 Sussex Street

Sackville Public Forum  
April 26 – 6:00-8:00 pm  
Sackville Heights Community Centre

Halifax Public Forum  
May 1 – 6:00-8:00 pm  
Portia White Memorial Atrium, Citadel High School, 1855 Trollope Street

Leading with Transit partners, include: Building Owners & Managers Association, Cities & Environment Unit (Dalhousie University), Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission, Downtown Halifax Business Commission, Ecology Action Centre, Greater Burnside Business Association, Halifax Chamber of Commerce, Halifax Partnership, Main Street Dartmouth and Area Business Improvement Association, It’s More Than Buses, North End Business Association, Sackville Business Association, Sackville Rivers

Association, Spring Garden Area Business Association, Spryfield and District Business Commission, Quinpool Road Mainstreet District Association, and Waterfront Development.

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