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**Public Transit to Launch in Lexington, Buena Vista,
and Rockbridge County**
Public Information Meetings to be held February 15

LEXINGTON, Va.--(January 20, 2011)— RADAR, a not-for-profit public transportation provider, has been selected to launch a public transit service to serve Lexington, Buena Vista, and Rockbridge County.

The new service will be known as the “Maury Express” and is proposed to operate Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Riders will pay a fare of \$.50 upon boarding except Washington & Lee University and Virginia Military Institute (VMI) students, who will ride free upon presentation of a valid student ID card.

RADAR is planning to start the Maury Express service on or around March 1, 2011 and will provide what is known as deviated fixed route transit services. Deviated fixed routes are designed to provide basic transportation services catering to the general public and ADA-certified residents. Each route follows a published schedule and designated route. However, with advance notice, ADA-certified riders may request a route deviation—for either a pick up or drop off—up to 3/4 of a mile from the scheduled route.

RADAR is holding two public informational meetings to give citizens the opportunity to learn more about the service on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The meetings are being held in two locations for the convenience of the public.

- Location 1: County of Rockbridge Administration Building
150 South Main Street-First Floor Conference Room
Lexington, Virginia
- Location 2: City of Buena Vista Municipal Building-Council Chambers
2039 Sycamore Avenue
Buena Vista, Virginia

These meeting will be in an open house format with stations where residents can talk one-on-one with representatives of RADAR. This flexible format allows participants to arrive and depart at their convenience. Written comments will be accepted at both of these meetings.

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The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation completed a feasibility study in 2008 to determine the need for public transit service in the area. An advisory board comprised of representatives from Lexington, Buena Vista, Rockbridge County, Washington & Lee University and VMI was appointed to manage the competitive vendor selection process and to oversee the transit service moving forward.

For more information contact RADAR representatives, Leon Robertson at (800) 964-5707, ext. 105 or leon@radartransit.org or Curtis Andrews at Extension 102 or curtis@radartransit.org.

ABOUT RADAR

RADAR is a private not-for-profit community corporation located in Roanoke, Virginia. RADAR has partnered with local governments and social service agencies to provide reliable, affordable transportation services since 1975. Currently, RADAR operates similar systems in the counties of Alleghany, Roanoke and Henry; the cities of Covington and Martinsville; and the towns of Iron Gate and Clifton Forge.

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