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WESTERN FLYER TROLLEY SERVICE BEGINS IN PURCELLVILLE

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PURCELLVILLE – On February 17, 2009, the Town of Purcellville and Virginia Regional Transit hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Western Flyer Trolley at Town Hall in Purcellville.

Virginia Regional Transit joins the Town of Purcellville and Virginia Regional Transit to provide this new service that will run Monday through Friday for eight hours a day, with morning and evening connections to the Brunswick Train Station. Plans include free transfers to the Purcellville Connector which will allow passengers medical access to INOVA Hospital and links to other VRT services. The Western Flyer service will further integrate rural access to the 7 to 7 service which can connect residents
with Dulles Airport and points east as well as frequent connections to the Marc train service in Brunswick, Maryland. Additional mobility options for residents of Purcellville and Loudoun County will assist in enhancing the economic environment, particularly those not in dense urban areas.

Purcellville Town Council member Greg Wagner who spearheaded the effort to provide this service and conceived the Western Flyer name said, “It is rewarding to see a service move from a concept developed four years ago to a reality. Bringing this innovative transportation option to western Loudoun took leadership, persistence and partners along with a vision for bringing change to addressing transportation needs.”

VRT will be using a nostalgic trolley which was constructed by cable car concepts from Cape May, New Jersey. The trolley will hold up to 20 passengers and is complete with handle rails, grip rails, globes and wooden seats. The fares on the new service will be $.50 cents.

Matching funds through Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration along with funding from the Town of Purcellville and the Town of Lovettsville will support the project.

Questions regarding this new service should be directed to Michael Socha, Virginia Regional Transit General Manager at 540-338-1610.

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