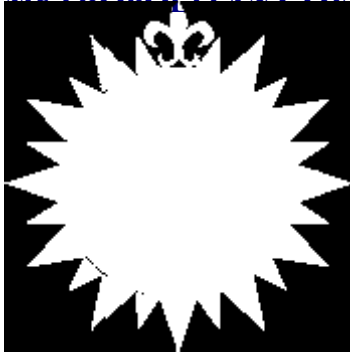


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MEDIA ADVISORY

Mayor to kick off MTA Easy Ride program for Metro employees tomorrow

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Mayor Karl Dean will kick off the MTA Easy Ride program for Metro employees with a bus ride to work on Wednesday morning. Dean will arrive at Shelter B on the Transit Mall downtown at approximately 8:15 a.m.

The mayor proposed funding in the 2008-2009 operating budget for Metro employees to ride the bus to and from work at no cost to them. The budget was passed by the Metro Council at the end of June.

Metro employees will begin receiving their Easy Ride cards today, making Wednesday the first morning they will be able to take advantage of the program. About 500 Easy Ride applications have been submitted to Metro Human Resources since enrollment started on July 1. The cards will continue to be distributed over the coming weeks as applications are processed.

WHO: Karl Dean, Mayor of Metropolitan Government of Nashville

<< Paul J. Ballard, Chief Executive Officer, Metro Transit Authority

WHAT: MTA Easy Ride for Metro employees kick-off

WHEN: Wednesday, July 16, 2008

8:15 a.m.

WHERE: Downtown Transit Mall – Shelter B

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