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“Bus Rapid Transit Project Enters Next Phase”

(BIRMINGHAM, AL., March 2017) - The Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority (BJCTA) is pleased to announce that the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project is progressing to the next phase. “This will be a game changer for public transit in the Birmingham- Jefferson County area,” said BJCTA Executive Director Barbara Murdock.

The BRT is a project that the BJCTA and the City of Birmingham are jointly working to prepare for. The City of Birmingham recently completed the environmental review required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) for the BRT project. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and multiple state agencies found that the project had no adverse impact to the human environment, thereby classifying it for a categorical exclusion. “Getting FTA approval for the next step in the BRT Project is huge. Now we’re moving forward with the design phase” said BJCTA Board Chairman, Patrick Sellers.

This major step allows the BRT Project to begin drawdown of the \$20 million in federal funding awarded to the City under the FTA’s Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program.

The BRT design phase is set to commence in the middle of the year. The City of Birmingham and the FTA are in the process of finalizing the project to complete the design and construction phases of the BRT Project.

To learn more about the project, visit www.birminghamtransitprogram.org

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