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MAX Central Station ribbon cutting celebration

(Birmingham, Alabama) – It's time to celebrate! The Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority (BJCTA) invites you to join us for our ribbon cutting ceremony this Friday at the new MAX central station. "This has been a long time coming and we're so excited to have a facility that is reflective of the service we always strive to provide," said BJCTA Executive Director Barbara Murdock.

Inside the lobby there are monitors with information about routes and schedules, comfortable seating, charging stations and free Wi-Fi. Outside the station there are bus bays with arrival/departure screens, additional seating and vending machines. "This new Central Station is one stop on a road paved with many improvements for our great city," said Birmingham Mayor William A. Bell Sr.

The new building opened on June 19, 2017 with the first bus pulling into the station at 4:30am. "Public transportation is the lifeblood of any good city. If we truly want the best for our residents, we have to make sure they can get to work, to school or to the doctor. This new transit hub is at the heart of our city, and the buses serve as the veins and arteries, connecting people to where they need to go." said Birmingham City Council Pro Tempore Steven W. Hoyt.

Olivia's Transit Cafe is located beside the central station and is now open. The restaurant features a menu of breakfast biscuits, soups, salads, sandwiches, pizza and more. The Transit Café and MAX Central Station are part of the three-block Birmingham Intermodal Facility along Morris Avenue between 17th and 19th streets. "From good food to good service we hope our customers walk away from every bus trip with a smile," Patrick Sellers, BJCTA Board Chair.

The remainder of the facility is still under construction including the parking lot and the building where Amtrak, Greyhound and BJCTA Administrative offices will be located. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Friday **June 30, 2017 at 2pm at 1701 Morris Avenue in Birmingham, Alabama.**

The Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority services more than 1100 square miles. BJCTA averages approximately 3 million riders annually. In the 2000's, BJCTA began a commitment to air quality and pollution control by replacing its bus fleet with the purchase of compressed natural gas buses.

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