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## RTA SEEKS COMMUTER INPUT AS IT PREPARES TO LAUNCH THE MUSIC CITY STAR COMMUTER RAIL

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NASHVILLE, Tennessee, May 17, 2006 – The Music City Star Commuter Rail will launch passenger service in late summer of this year. The train will run a 32 mile track from Lebanon to downtown Nashville, carrying commuters to and from work Monday through Friday.

In preparation for this service and to provide the best customer service possible, the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is seeking information from residents who live along the east corridor on their commuting habits. The RTA would like to include in this informal poll the following questions: (1) Where do you work? (company name and street address) (2) What time do you start work? (3) What time does your workday end? (4) In what city do you live? (5) How do you like to receive your information? (6) Of the following, rank your preferred media source with 1 being most preferred and 3 being least preferred. (a) Radio (b) Television (c) Newspaper.

Commuters can take part in the poll by visiting the web at [www.musiccitystar.org](http://www.musiccitystar.org), they can e-mail their answers to [rta@gnrc.org](mailto:rta@gnrc.org) or they can mail them to RTA Marketing, 501 Union Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Nashville, TN 37219.

“The RTA is excited to bring this transportation alternative to our region. We firmly believe the Music City Star will provide commuters with not only an alternative, but a better way to get to and from work. Passengers on the Music City Star can take care of business on their commute, or simply relax and enjoy letting someone else do all the work,” says Teresa McKissick, RTA Marketing Coordinator.

The Regional Transportation Authority is the lead agency for the Music City Star project. The RTA was created by state statute in 1988 for the development of a regional transportation system for Middle Tennessee. Since then, it has developed one of the largest rideshare programs in the Southeast, with services assisting commuters with vanpooling, carpooling and “Relax and Ride” commuter bus service between downtown Nashville and the following cities: Hendersonville, Murfreesboro, Smyrna, LaVergne and the Middle Tennessee State University Campus.

The RTA Board is comprised of city and county mayors of the nine-member counties of Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Maury, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson and Wilson, the Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Transportation and six citizen members appointed by the Governor.

For more information on RTA services or the Music City Star visit [www.rta-ride.org](http://www.rta-ride.org) or [www.musiccitystar.org](http://www.musiccitystar.org) or call 615.862.8833.

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