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Democrats Call for Additional Hearing on Lift Line Changes Short Notice Impedes Transportation Arrangement Needs

Rochester, New York –July 31, 2008. Democrats in the Monroe County Legislature have sent a letter to the Rochester Genesee Regional Transit Authority (RGRTA) requesting that a second public hearing be held regarding proposed changes to the Lift Line passenger fares.

The request comes after disability rights advocates expressed concern about the short notice given to Lift Line patrons regarding the initial hearing, which is scheduled for this evening at 6:00 P.M. at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center. According to the advocates, many Lift Line patrons were only notified of the hearing yesterday, which will present challenges for those needing to make transportation arrangements to and from the hearing.

Democratic Leader Harry Bronson (D-Rochester, Brighton & Henrietta) said, “We are very concerned that the short notice some customers received may prevent interested parties from attending this hearing. These concerns should be addressed by the RGRTA scheduling another hearing on the proposed fare changes and ensuring that customers are provided with sufficient advance notice to allow for their transportation needs to be met. We would hope that all notices to Lift Line customers would arrive at least two weeks in advance to allow for maximum public inclusion.”

Legislator Glenn Gamble (D-Rochester) said, “The RGRTA has a responsibility to serve the needs of its customers. Clearly, these needs are not met by providing a 24 hour notice to individuals who may need several days to arrange for transportation to and from these hearings that affect their daily lives. The responsible way for RGRTA to address these concerns is to hold a second hearing with plenty of advance notice.”

Please find the letter to the RGRTA attached.

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