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Transit Services Division

TO: PPACG Board

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SUBJECT: 2007 Transit Service Expansion/Improvements

The Transit Services Division (TSD) is very excited to announce that during CY2007, we will implement new and expanded transit service. The services listed below are scheduled to begin on the following dates:

**Phase I**

- **April 2, 2007 - North of Research Parkway service** (PPRTA-funded service expansion).
  - Two express routes will provide morning and afternoon peak hour service to the business and residential areas north of Research Parkway.
  - One route will originate from First and Main Town Center on Powers Boulevard and travel north of Research Parkway. The second route will originate from Downtown Colorado Springs and travel to the area north of Research Parkway.
  - TSD coordinated service planning with the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to link employees to businesses in that area.
- **April 2, 2007 - Interim FREX route changes** (Senate Bill 1, Federal Transit Administration and PPRTA-funded service schedule change)
  - Schedule adjustments will be implemented based on passenger requests.
  - FREX will begin operating from a revised FREX schedule on April 2, 2007. The FREX schedule change will add a minimal number of service hours. The new schedule will reflect new travel times for the FREX commuter, and will improve convenience and arrival times for riders.

- **June 4, 2007 - Peterson Air Force Base (AFB)** (PPRTA-funded route expansion)
  - TSD received a request from Peterson Air Force Base AFB to modify existing transit service to accommodate the new Base Exchange (BX) location near Marksheffel Road. TSD will provide a route on Peterson AFB that will link to the existing fixed-route system and will provide additional on-Base service to Peterson AFB staff.
- **June 4, 2007 - Schriever Air Force Base (AFB)** (Department of Transportation-funded route expansion)
  - TSD received a request from Schriever AFB to expand a new route to/from the Widefield/Security/Fountain area. TSD is working with Schriever AFB staff to finalize route alignments and schedules. This service is funded via the Transportation Incentive Program, which pays the bus fare for military and Department of Defense civilian employees.

**Phase II**

- **Tentative August 6, 2007 - FREX service expansion** (start date contingent upon timely receipt of the new FREX buses)
  - TSD will expand FREX service to accommodate the additional demand for service. The service expansion is made possible via the receipt of: Senate Bill 1 funds to purchase 19 new vehicles; Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality funds to operate the service; and grant match funds from the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority, the Town of Castle Rock, Douglas County, the Town of Monument, and the City of Fountain. TSD will work with the stakeholders and riders to finalize the schedules. New FREX schedules will be available in early summer 2007 for the expanded service.
- **Tentative November 5, 2007 - Phase II PPRTA service – Full Implementation** (PPRTA-funded service expansion)
  - The Mountain Metro Full Implementation is scheduled for November 2007. Currently, TSD is in the final stages of route planning and scheduling for the service expansion. As requested by Mountain Metro riders, changes will be made to improve our existing routes and also new service will be added to the Rockrimmon, Stetson Hills and Briargate areas. Final schedules and maps will be available late summer 2007.