

TRANSIT ALLIANCE OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE

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Transit Alliance of Middle Tennessee and Lipscomb University launch second Transit Citizen Leadership Academy

25 Leaders to Examine Transit Opportunities

NASHVILLE, TN – The Transit Alliance of Middle Tennessee and Lipscomb University’s Nelson and Sue Andrews Institute for Civic Leadership has kicked off its second Transit Citizen Leadership Academy.

The second class includes 25 private, public and non-profit leaders representing economic and community development, real estate, construction, government, insurance, health care, banking, retail, sales and marketing, agriculture and utilities. Participants were nominated by mayors and city managers throughout the Middle Tennessee region. For the full list of participants and their titles, visit www.lipscomb.edu/civicleadership. Click on Current Class List under Transit Citizen Leadership Academy.

“There is a rising awareness all across our region of the absolute importance of giving Middle Tennesseans more choices when it comes to transportation,” said **Charles Bone**, chairman of the Transit Alliance of Middle Tennessee. “This is particularly true with opportunities for rapid transit and graduates of our Transit Academy.

Ed Cole, executive director of the Transit Alliance of Middle Tennessee, added:

“The members of the second class of the Academy will be important messengers for public understanding. This class certainly will benefit and build on the tremendous progress made by the graduates of our first class last year.”

Linda Peek Schacht, executive director of the Andrews Institute, said Lipscomb University is honored to continue its partnership with the Transit Alliance. “The Transit

Citizen Leadership Academy supports our commitment to produce educated, informed civic leaders making decisions for the common good. That kind of collaborative leadership is necessary to successfully address the complex issues facing our region today.”

ABOUT THE TRANSIT ALLIANCE OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE

The Transit Alliance of Middle Tennessee is a non-profit organization with the mission of encouraging private sector as well as public sector support for new investments in mass transit in the ten county region of Middle Tennessee. The Alliance is committed to communicating the value of regional mass transportation needs and options. It fosters education across the region about the economic value of mass transit investments. Through these communication and education efforts, the Alliance will actively participate in the steps necessary to secure dedicated revenues for mass transit investments in the months and years ahead.

ABOUT THE ANDREWS INSTITUTE FOR CIVIC LEADERSHIP

Founded in October 2010 to build on the legacy of Nashville leader Nelson Andrews, the Nelson and Sue Andrews Institute for Civic Leadership engages emerging and current leaders in programs to create thriving communities. The institute promotes and showcases government, business and not-for-profit leaders working together for the common good. Its programs provide for the study and practice of this collaborative civic leadership model. In addition to its community programs, the Andrews Institute offers a Master’s Program in Civic Leadership, one of only two in the nation.

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