

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC HEARING

The Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. (GCCAC), a private non-profit organization located in Garrett County, Maryland is applying to the Federal Transit Administration and the Maryland Transit Administration for funding to meet the public transportation needs of the general public, senior citizens, and disabled individuals of Garrett County.

Funds for operational assistance are being requested through Section 5311 and Statewide Special Transportation Assistance Program (SSTAP). The total net operational cost of these programs is estimated at \$1,942,726. of which \$1,468,104. is being requested in Federal and State funds. The remainder will be funded by GCCAC and Garrett County local government.

Capital requests will be utilized to purchase software upgrades, vehicle replacements, and facility improvements; all vehicles will be designed to meet the special transportation needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities. The total capital request is \$547,234. of which \$492,510. is being requested in Federal and State funds. The remainder will be funded by GCCAC.

The detailed service plan is available for review at the Garrett Transit Service office, 225 Francis Sanders Drive, Oakland, MD 21550 from 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. Any private citizen, public or private transit or paratransit operator wishing additional information, or desiring to submit written comments should contact Michele Wolfe, Interim Director of Transportation, Garrett Transit Service, 225 Francis Sanders Drive, Oakland, MD 21550. Comments must be received by Garrett Transit Service not later than three weeks from the date of this notice.

A public hearing will be held only on request. Any person desiring a public hearing must submit a written request to Michele Wolfe at 225 Francis Sanders Drive, Oakland, MD 21550 no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 18, 2016. Should a public hearing be requested, it will be held at 9 a.m. on February 26, 2016 at 225 Francis Sanders Drive, Oakland, MD 21550.