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Baldwin Rural Area Transportation System

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- WHO: Baldwin County Commission and Baldwin Rural Area Transportation System (BRATS)**
- WHAT: BRATS Fairhope Transit Hub Groundbreaking Ceremony**
- WHEN: Thursday, August 16, 2012
11:00 a.m.**
- WHERE: Future BRATS Fairhope Transit Hub Site
918 Fairhope Avenue
Fairhope, AL**

**GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY TO BE HELD FOR NEW BRATS FAIRHOPE
TRANSIT HUB**

BALDWIN COUNTY, AL, August 10, 2012 – The Baldwin County Commission and BRATS invite everyone to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the new BRATS Fairhope Transit Hub on Thursday, August 16, 2012, 11:00 a.m., at the future transit hub site (918 Fairhope Avenue, Fairhope, AL).

The new BRATS Fairhope Transit Hub will be the main hub in the Fairhope area for eight BRATS routes that will begin from there. This new hub will provide a much needed building that includes restrooms and a waiting area that will accommodate citizens as they wait for their bus to arrive. The hub will also consist of an office for drivers to complete necessary route paperwork.

The funding for this project is provided through the Tier II American Recovery and Reinvestment Transit Stimulus Grant in the amount of \$311,600, with the remaining \$29,115 to be funded by the Baldwin County Commission. The total cost of the project is \$340,715. The City of Fairhope has worked closely with the Baldwin County Commission on this project and is supporting the new hub by assisting with the leasing fee of the 1.61 acres of property and has waived the cost of permit fees.

The BRATS Fairhope Transit Hub site will provide a location that can be used as a meeting place for citizen van and car pooling. The hub will also serve as main site in the future development of additional BRATS park and ride services and work routes to meet the public transit needs of the growing population in Baldwin County.

The Groundbreaking is open to the public and is free of charge.

For more information about BRATS visit www.baldwincountyal.gov or contact BRATS at (251) 972-6817.

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