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NATIONAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION NAMES MEADOWLINK
TOP URBAN COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM OF THE YEAR

Albuquerque, NM June 2013 -- Meadowlink, a transportation provider serving six of the most densely populated counties in New Jersey, has been named the 2013 Urban Community Transportation System of the Year by the national Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA).

The award, presented annually at the CTAA national EXPO, recognizes excellence by urban transit systems in serving the needs of people in their communities. Meadowlink was selected for “innovative and creative collaborations throughout its service area, which includes some of New Jersey’s most populous counties,” according to Ann August, Secretary of the Association’s Board of Directors, who presented the award.

Ms. August highlighted two Meadowlink programs as being especially innovative and collaborative:

Community Cars, a volunteer-driver program that serves as a transportation lifeline for isolated senior citizens. The program currently provides more than 1,000 trips a month, a five-fold increase over the 200 monthly trips provided during the program’s initial year of 2007; and

Flex-T, which provides employment transportation to individuals with disabilities. Initiated by providing 637 trips in 2010, Flex-T provided more than 10,000 trips in 2012.

Meadowlink’s Executive Director, Krishna Murthy, accepted the award on behalf of the company and its employees. He thanked the CTAA; the Meadowlink board of directors for its vision and support; and its private- and public-sector partners, including the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority and NJ Transit, for their funding and ongoing cooperation.

Meadowlink was created to improve access to affordable transportation, reduce traffic congestion and promote economic growth by working with business and government agencies to address the commuting challenges in Northern New Jersey. Under its EZ Ride brand, it manages the state’s largest carpool, vanpool and employee shuttle programs.

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