



PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 3, 2020

CONTACT: Neville Waters (DFHV) – 202-645-6020/202-315-8294; <u>neville.waters@dc.gov</u>

DC Expands Taxi-To-Rail Program to Help Residents Travel to Essential Services

T2R Expansion Increases Free Ride Threshold and Eliminates Monthly Ride Caps

(WASHINGTON, DC) – Today, the Department of For-Hire Vehicles announced the expansion of the District's Taxi-to-Rail (T2R) Program to provide service across all eight wards, increase the amount that qualifies for a free ride, and eliminate monthly ride caps. These changes will give residents more options to travel to and from essential businesses— such as grocery stores, medical facilities, and pharmacies—during the coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency.

T2R launched as a pilot program that operated exclusively east of the Anacostia River. Customers use the service for a free taxi trip up to \$10 to several Metro Stations, as well as select grocery stores, and all libraries, recreation centers, and pools. Customers are capped at taking four trips monthly. Under the public health emergency expansion; however, the monthly cap is eliminated, and the first \$15 of the meter fare — rather than the first \$10—is free for the customer.

"While we continue to urge residents to stay home, this expansion of the Taxi-to-Rail program will help ensure more residents get transportation to essential services, such as medicine and groceries, during this public health emergency," said DFHV Director David Do.

T2R is available Monday through Friday, 5:30 am to 8:00 pm, Saturday 7:00 am to 8:00 pm, and Sunday 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. To request a ride call (202) 727-3827, or book online at taxi2rail.com.

For more information about T2R, please call (202) 645-7300, or visit <u>dfhv.dc.gov/T2R</u>. Stay safe. Stay informed. For the latest information on the District's response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, visit <u>coronavirus.dc.gov</u>.