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PRESS RELEASE

Tallahassee Transit is Golden Event & 2014 National Dump the Pump Day- Thursday, June 19, 2014

StarMetro and the Tallahassee Senior Center will join several Statewide Organizations to help Older Adults participate in a Transit is Golden Event to “Dump the Pump” on Thursday, June 19, 2014!

Tallahassee, FL: StarMetro, Tallahassee Senior Center, Florida Public Transportation Association (FPTA), Florida’s Safe Mobility for Life Coalition (SMFLC), Alert Today Alive Tomorrow (ATAT), and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) have joined together to conduct the inaugural Transit is Golden safety event in honor of the National “Dump the Pump” day.

The event will begin at 10:00 am at the Tallahassee Senior Center, located at:

Tallahassee Senior Center
1400 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee FL 32303

The 9th Annual National Dump the Pump Day on Thursday, June 19 is a day to highlight that using public transportation is a great alternative to driving that not only saves money, but is also a reliable and safe transportation option for older adults who no longer drive. Leon County has been identified by the SMFLC as one of our 2014 Top 10 Urban Priority Counties. By learning more about using public transportation, older adults can gain access to the services that they need in an efficient and safe manner to help them remain independent and active in their community and to help them prepare to transition from driving when it is no longer a safe option.

In order to increase the use of public transportation, this event will both encourage and introduce the use of the StarMetro transit system to safely move older adults throughout Leon County. The participants at the senior center will have the opportunity to learn about the available transit services provided to older adults, the benefits of using public transportation, safe walking and biking, and how these resources can help ease the transition from the driving process. Then, the participants will travel together to the closest bus stop to ride the StarMetro system to the Florida Capitol, where they will receive a guided tour.

For more information, the media can contact Lisa Bacot, Executive Director of FPTA at 850.445.8329.

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The 9th Annual Dump the Pump Day is a national event sponsored by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) and public transportation systems across the country. In Florida, over 270 million trips are provided on public transportation each year to citizens and visitors to our state.