

RESOLUTION

OF THE KYOVA INTERSTATE PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTING AMENDMENT #2 TO THE KYOVA TMA COORDINATED PUBLIC TRANSIT-HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN

- Whereas,** the KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission (KYOVA) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by the Governors of West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio, acting through the West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways (WVDOH), the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and, in cooperation with locally elected officials in the KYOVA region; and
- Whereas,** KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission adopted the KYOVA TMA Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan to include new demographic and regional context information, transportation services gaps and solutions, and the steps for designating Consolidated Transportation Service Agencies on November 1, 2013; and
- Whereas,** the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) requires that projects funded through Section 5310 the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities formula grant program be derived from a locally developed Coordinated Plan beginning Fiscal Year 2013; and
- Whereas,** the Huntington, WV-KY-OH TMA Urbanized Area Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan has been developed in accordance with federal standards and through outreach involving local public and private transportation providers, human services agencies, other interested parties, and the general public; and
- Whereas,** Amendment #2 consists of updated census figures, project status and for the inclusion of additional eligible participant agencies. These agencies are representative of those who work with and serve the seniors, persons with low-income, and persons with disabilities for whom the coordinate transportation plan was intended. Participation in the Coordination Meeting, which was held on August 20, 2015 at the KYOVA office, was a requirement for FTA grant funding through the 5310 program and therefore allowed for the inclusion of the agencies in attendance to apply for Section 5310 Program funds as required through MAP-21; and.
- Whereas,** KYOVA has met the public outreach requirements of 15 days as outlined in the KYOVA Participation Plan.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission adopts the attached list as Amendment #2 to the KYOVA TMA Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan.


Robert Pasley, Chairman

Date: October 2, 2015


Michele P. Craig, Executive Director

Date: October 2, 2015



AMENDMENT #2: HUMAN SERVICES PUBLIC TRANSIT TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION PLAN

The FY13 Human Service-Public Transit Transportation Coordination Plan for the Huntington WV-KY-OH Urbanized Area (Cabell and Wayne Counties in West Virginia; Boyd and Greenup Counties in Kentucky; and Lawrence County, Ohio) is being amended to update census figures and status of projects, make corrections, and add some participant agencies to the coordination plan. These agencies are representative of those who work with and serve the seniors, persons with low-income, and persons with disabilities for whom the plan was intended to coordinate transportation. The Coordinated plan enables coordination of transportation resources, as well as provides a focused look at transportation planning for these specific populations.

Participation in the Coordination Meeting, which was held on August 20, 2015 from 10AM -12 noon at the KYOVA offices, is a requirement for FTA grant funding through the 5310 program. Furthermore, the public participation process for this update will satisfy the Program of Projects (POP) requirements of the Federal Transit Administration for Tri-State Transit Authority (TTA), Ashland Bus System (ABS) and Lawrence County Port Authority (LCPA).

Listing of the Agencies being added to our coordinated plan:

Branches Domestic Violence Shelter

Recovery Point of Huntington

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Shelter of Hope

Northeast Kentucky Community Action Agency

St. Mary's Medical Center

Cabell Huntington Hospital

Children's Home Society

Huntington Comprehensive Treatment Center

Tri-State Literacy Council

Lily's Place

Cabell County Emergency Medical Services

Cabell County Schools: Cabell County Career Technology Center-Adult Education/ Job Training for Students with Disabilities

Mountwest Community and Technical College

River Valley Child Development Services/ LINK Child Care Resource and Referral

101 Mobility

Regional Intergovernmental Council

ITT Technical Institute

Veterans Administration

West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services

Emendations

The changes are shown in italics

On page 16, table updated

Exhibit II.7: Median Household Income, 2013

County	Median Household Income
Boyd County, Kentucky	<i>\$40,379</i>
Greenup County, Kentucky	<i>\$44,060</i>
Lawrence County, Ohio	<i>\$41,552</i>
Cabell County, West Virginia	<i>\$38,374</i>
Wayne County, West Virginia	<i>\$36,964</i>

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Selected Economic Characteristics
2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates*

On page 25, Ashland Bus Service (updated to reflect the correct number of routes)
The city of Ashland Bus Service (ABS) offers *five* fixed routes throughout Ashland and adjoining areas.

On page 26, Days and Hours of Operation
Hours of operation for Ashland Bus System are Monday through Friday, 7:00AM to 5:30 PM.

On Page 33, Transportation Needs and Vision
The commuter express route was implemented and provides connections between the three transit agencies.

On page 40, Exhibit III.4 TTA Route Profile
The routes have changed, with the addition of four routes (routes 11, 12, 13, and 14) and the discontinuation Huntington Charleston Commuter Route and the Pullman Marshall Shuttle.

Route number	Route destinations/ name
Route 1	Ceredo/Kenova
Route 2	Vo-Tech Center/Huntington Hospital/Prestera Center
Route 3	Third Avenue
Route 4	9th & 11th Avenue
Route 5	Walnut Hills/Walmart/Internal Medicine Group
Route 6	Madison Avenue
Route 7	Barboursville
Route 8	Hal Greer/John Marshall Medical Center/Pullman Square
Route 9	Milton
Route 11	Burlington Walmart, Ironton Transit Cafe, Ashland Depot, Ceredo Plaza
Route 12	Ceredo Plaza, Ashland Bus Depot, Ironton Transit Cafe, Burlington Walmart
Route 13	Pullman Square, Chesapeake Community Center, Ohio University, Rome, St. Mary's Hospital, Marshall University

Route 14	Pullman Square, Chesapeake, Burlington, Wal-Mart
Route 20	PM South/Late Service
Route 30	PM North/Late Service
Route 40	PM West/Late Service

On page 42, Challenges and Needs

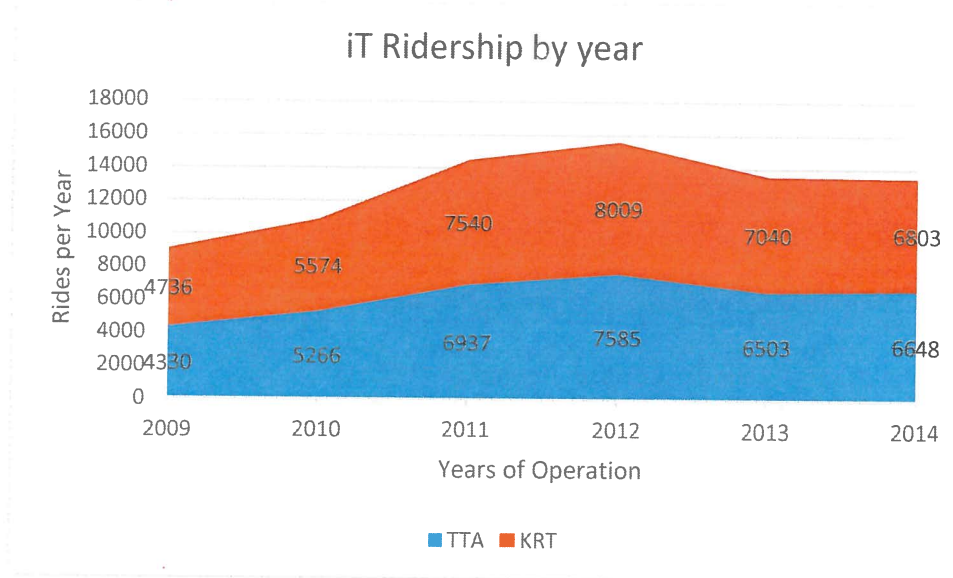
Update

- TTA and KYOVA have completed the FY13 call for projects, and three awards were made to Tri-State Industries (2 ADA accessible minivans), Huntington Development Corporation (a cutaway), and TTA (minivans).
- The Ohio governor has designated TTA as the recipient for the Section 5310 funds.

On page 43, Huntington-Charleston Commuter Bus

The Huntington-Charleston Commuter Service, or iT, was initially established as a demonstration project with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds, and then subsidized by KVRTA, TTA, and WVDPT.

The ridership for the iT from 2009-2014 is plotted in the graph below.



The iT service was discontinued on August 30, 2015 since a sustained funding source could not be identified.

Branches Domestic Violence Shelter

Branches Domestic Violence Shelter was established as a non-profit agency in 1980. Branches works to empower the increasing number of domestic violence victims and their families to break the cycle of domestic violence in our area. Aside from providing emergency shelter, Branches offers legal assistance, individual & group counseling, and case management to ready our clients to become independent. Currently, Branches has one operational emergency housing shelter and four outreach offices located in the adjoining counties of Mason, Putnam, Wayne, & Lincoln to provide additional resources. Transportation is provided with the eight vehicles in the fleet.

Fare Structure and Eligibility

Transportation is provided to the clients by full-time staff on an as-needed basis and usually requires 24 hours advance notice. All of Branches' services are free of charge.

Coordination

There is no formal coordination agreement with Branches and other transportation providers, but TTA has worked with the agency in the past and has been responsive to the needs of Branches' clients.

Funding

Branches is grant and donation funded.

Needs

The staff at Branches has cited that transportation is available, when staff is available. Clients who are moving often encounter issues with having a vehicle that can carry their belongings to their new home. Any transportation must be arranged with a prior 24 hours' notice.

Recovery Point of Huntington

Recovery Point of Huntington provides a long-term residential program of recovery from alcohol and drug addiction. The recovery center for men, located at 2425 9th Avenue in Huntington, WV, offers 100 beds to men needing recovery services.

Currently, Recovery Point does not offer transportation services, but does use the local bus system.

Coordination

The representative from Recovery Point stated that they were willing to coordinate services to complement their use of fixed route buses.

Funding

Recovery Point of Huntington receives funding through state, national, and United Way grants and donations.

Needs

With 100 clients needing transportation to and from appointments for medical, benefits, and legal appointments, Recovery Point is in the process of buying a van.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Neighbors Helping Neighbors owns and operates a permanent common space (the Neighborhood) so volunteers from multiple service agencies can improve convenient access and efficiency to support the homeless and very low to moderate income families in the Greater Ashland/Boyd County community. The service agencies housed in the Neighborhood create a place where people in need can receive many services in emergency and crisis situations, such as securing food, showers, clothing, utilities assistance, medical treatment/medication assistance, and post office boxes. The agencies currently housed there are:

- Community Assistance and Referral Service (CAREs)
- River Cities Harvest, Inc.
- The Dressing Room operated by Federated Charities
- Ashland Community Kitchen, Inc.
- Clean Start operated by Ashland Area Presbyterian Ministries

Coordination

The clients for Neighbors Helping Neighbors are currently using the local bus system, but cited the lack of route maps poses a problem for those unfamiliar with the area.

Funding

Neighbors Helping Neighbors receives funding through grants and fundraising.

Needs

The representative from Neighbors Helping Neighbors stated that they were interested in a 5310 van to provide services, especially on evenings and weekends, beyond the local bus services' operation days and times.

Shelter of Hope

Shelter of Hope provides temporary and emergency shelter, rent and utility assistance for individuals and families in Boyd and Greenup County, Kentucky who are in need of transitional services leading them to self-sufficiency and for whom none is available from existing community resources.

Coordination

Shelter of Hope is open to coordination of services and would like to see an arrangement for low or no cost transportation.

Funding

Shelter of Hope is funded through monetary donations, Community Development Block Grants, Kentucky Housing Grants, and in-kind donations.

Needs

Some of the clients are in need of transportation to medical/ mental health services in Huntington. The bus can be utilized to get there, but this method would require several transfers and is time consuming and may not always be the best method, depending on the health status of the client.

Northeast Kentucky Community Action Agency

Northeast Kentucky Community Action Agency strives to provide affordable and reliable transportation to school, work, senior citizens centers, adult and child care centers, medical facilities, and recreational destinations. NKCAA operates a demand response service in Boyd and Greenup Counties, Monday through Friday, with 24 hour advanced scheduling. The rates are as follows:

In city limits: \$1.00/stop

1-5 miles: \$5.00/round trip

6-20 miles: \$10.00/round trip

21-50 miles: \$25.00/round trip

Over 50 miles: \$1.00 per mile per round trip (\$25 + \$1 per mile over 50)

Trips to the VA hospital are provided to veterans free of charge, but must be scheduled 72 hours in advance.

Coordination

Intercity Bus Service is provided by Northeast Kentucky Community Action Agency to Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Greenup, and Lawrence Counties in Kentucky. This service for the general public, and the fare is \$5.00 per trip.

There is also a feeder service for Greyhound Bus in Ashland, and for Federated Transportation of the Bluegrass to the Lexington airport. This service must be scheduled 48 hours in advance.

Funding

NKCAA is funded through contract revenue and the Office of Transportation Delivery.

Needs

According to NKCAA's representative, they need more money and more vehicles. This could be a good opportunity for coordination.

St. Mary's Medical Center

St. Mary's Medical Center is the largest medical facility in Huntington, Cabell County's largest private employer (2600+ employees) and, at 393 beds, is among the largest healthcare facilities in West Virginia. As a teaching facility associated with the Joan C. Edwards Marshall University School of Medicine, St. Mary's trains medical residents in several specialties. The hospital campus is home to the St. Mary's School of Nursing, the St. Mary's School of Medical Imaging and the St. Mary's School of Respiratory Care. All three programs are associated with Marshall University.

Coordination

Coordination of service for predictable, recurring needs, such as for the elderly and the medically fragile population, as well as discharge of patients requiring transportation to rural areas not served by public transit. Currently, cab vouchers are issued for urgent situations to get patients to their home.

Funding

St. Mary's Medical Center is supported by state, federal, commercial and private funds.

Needs

Transportation for doctor appointments, outpatient pulmonary and cardiac rehab, support groups, dialysis transportation, and patients in areas not served by public transportation.

Cabell Huntington Hospital

Cabell Huntington Hospital is a not-for-profit, regional referral center with 303 staffed beds. Located in Huntington, West Virginia, Cabell Huntington cares for patients from more than 29 counties throughout West Virginia, eastern Kentucky and southern Ohio. Opened in 1956, it is also a teaching hospital and is affiliated with Marshall University Schools of Medicine and Nursing. Cabell Huntington Hospital offers hospital services, referrals, community education/outreach, and support groups.

Coordination

Cabell Huntington Hospital currently makes appropriate transportation referrals for patients, based on health and income parameters evaluated by the discharge nurse/ social worker. The representatives from CHH indicated they were interested in knowing more about transportation providers to make appropriate referrals.

Needs

Providing transportation to support group meetings, and doctors' appointments for patients without transportation.

Children's Home Society

The Children's Home Society of West Virginia is a private, non-profit child welfare organization founded in 1896. Comprehensive child welfare, behavioral health, social casework and advocacy services are provided to over 12,898 children and families each year from thirteen primary locations throughout the state, including the Ona, WV location.

Coordination

Due to the nature of this agency, coordination might be difficult since the residents have requirements regarding supervision and occasionally protective services.

Funding

The Children's Home Society of West Virginia is funded through state contract and Medicaid reimbursement.

Needs

The Hovah Hall Underwood Shelter in Ona, WV currently has one vehicle. The children residing at this shelter are transported to school, vocational programs, medical appointments, psychological and counseling appointments, jobs and support group meetings.

Huntington Comprehensive Treatment Center

Although not a transportation provider, Huntington Comprehensive Treatment is a methadone clinic located in Cabell County at 135 Fourth Ave. in Huntington, West Virginia. The Huntington Treatment Center provides medically supervised methadone maintenance and Suboxone (buprenorphine) detox treatment to individuals who are attempting to overcome an addiction to or dependence upon heroin or other opioids on an outpatient basis.

The representative from the Treatment Center cited that transportation was a serious problem for some of their patients, especially those who live in areas not served by public transportation.

Tri-State Literacy Council

Tri-State Literacy Council is a volunteer organization working to raise the literacy levels of adults. Although the Literacy Council does not provide transportation, the director of the agency addressed the interconnectivity between poverty and low-literacy, and therefore some of their program participants may be both transit dependent and have problems with traversing the routes.

Needs

The Tri-State Literacy Council offers tutoring for different types of literacy and discussed the need for expanding transportation options into the rural areas to make it easier for adult learners to reach opportunities for training/ literacy skills tutoring.

Lily's Place

Lily's Place is the first residential infant recovery center that also provides help and services for families, located at 1320 Seventh Avenue in Huntington, West Virginia. The transportation provided is for medical visits for the infants in the care of Lily's place.

Coordination

The representatives from Lily's Place were open to coordination with other agencies.

Funding

Lily's Place is a non-profit.

Needs

The representatives from the agency addressed the transportation issues for the parents who are transit dependent. The involvement of the parents in the process is integral, and weather impacts the parents' ability to visit and participate in their baby's treatment, especially if they are some distance from the fixed routes. Lily's Place would be interested in collaborating with a transportation provider to transport parents to and from their offices.

Cabell County Emergency Medical Services

Cabell County Emergency Medical Services provides not only emergency medical attention, but also medically necessary trips for qualifying patients who need transportation to a hospital or medical care, and trips home for particularly fragile patients. Since the type of transportation provided by CCEMS adheres to its own set of parameters, they would not be providing transportation beyond their scope of services. To that end, CCEMS was able to speak to some of the transportation issues experienced upon release from hospitalization or physician's care.

Cabell County Schools:

Cabell County Career Technology Center-Adult Education/ Job Training for Students with Disabilities

Although Cabell County Schools provides transportation for the K-12 students, the adult education program and job placement program for students with disabilities do not have transportation to and from educational facilities and job sites, respectively.

Coordination

There may be some opportunities for grant funded transportation programs and coordination with employers.

Funding

Cabell County Schools receives their funding through the West Virginia Department of Education.

Needs

The representatives would like to see a program established that these students could be offered transportation free of charge, whether it is to the Career and Technical Center, or to job sites after graduation..

Mountwest Community and Technical College

Although Mountwest Community and Technical College is not a transportation provider, they do provide educational services to students in the Tri-State area. The local transit provider currently serves Mountwest, but the representative for Mountwest cited a need for transportation from 7AM to 8PM weekdays and Friday from 8AM-12 noon.

This could be discussed with the transit provider to see what accommodations can be made.

River Valley Child Development Services/ LINK Child Care Resource and Referral

Although River Valley Child Development Services/ LINK Child Care Resource and Referral is not a transportation provider, they do offer income-based assistance to families needing financial support for childcare. This agency is well-aware of transportation concerns for families getting to their offices to apply for services, and even more so the time constraints placed on transit-dependent families who take children to daycare and then catch another bus to work.

Needs

Providing safe, reliable transportation in a manner that allows for time to make childcare arrangements as well as providing adequate time for educational and employment endeavors.

101 Mobility

101 Mobility, in Huntington, WV, sells, rents, and installs mobility devices and ADA accommodations, such as ramps and lifts. Since their business provides services for those who need accommodations to maintain mobility, they are a stakeholder in transportation needs for both seniors and persons with disabilities.

Coordination

Although Mobility 101 is not a transportation provider, their representative expressed an interest in coordinating with local businesses and agencies to help address their ADA needs.

Regional Intergovernmental Council

The Regional Intergovernmental Council (RIC) serves local governments within the four-county region of Boone, Clay, Kanawha and Putnam counties. One of 11 regional planning and development councils located within the state of West Virginia, RIC provides an array of services which support economic development, planning and inter-governmental cooperation.

Although the Regional Intergovernmental Council is not a transportation provider, a representative from the agency attended the meeting. There are plans to include representatives at each other's coordination meetings to share ideas and further coordinate services as some of the agencies overlap both planning areas. KYOVA has shared ideas and worked together on projects with the regional Intergovernmental Council in the past and hopes to continue this collaboration.

ITT Technical Institute

Although ITT technical Institute is not a transportation provider, they spoke to the needs of the students that attend their school. Their representative was very open to coordination with transportation providers, and emphasized the need for low cost public transportation in the tri-state area.

Veterans Administration

A representative from the Veterans' Administration attended the coordination meeting was able to make several contacts regarding provision of transportation service and asked to be included on future meetings of the coordination group.

West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services

West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services, who does not provide transportation, attended the coordination meeting. Since their agency provides vocational rehabilitation and job search support, they understand the importance of affordable, accessible transportation, especially for those program participants that do not have their own transportation or may have a disability that impairs their ability to drive.

NOTICE

**KYOVA
Interstate Planning
Commission
FY2013 TMA Coordinated Public Transit
Human Services
Transportation Plan
Amendment #2**

The public is hereby made aware that the KYOVA FY13 TMA Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan for the Huntington WV-KY-OH Urbanized Area is being amended by the KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission in accordance with the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and in cooperation with the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Ohio Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Tri-State Transit Authority (TTA), Ashland Bus System (ABS) and Lawrence County Port Authority (LCPA).

MAP-21 was enacted July 6, 2012, as Public Law 112-141 authorizing the federal surface transportation programs for highways, highway safety and transit for the 2-year period of 2013 and 2014 and was extended through October 29, 2015.

The FY13 Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan for the Huntington WV-KY-OH Urbanized Area (Cabell and Wayne counties in West Virginia; Boyd and Greenup counties in Kentucky; and Lawrence County in Ohio) enables coordination of transportation resources, especially for seniors, persons with disabilities, and persons from low-income backgrounds. Additionally, the Coordinated Plan provides a focused look at transportation planning for these specific populations. Participation in the Coordination Meeting is a requirement for FTA grant funding through the 5310 program. Furthermore, the public participation process for this update will satisfy the Program of Projects (POP) requirement of the FTA for Tri-State Transit Authority (TTA), Ashland Bus System (ABS) and Lawrence County Port Authority (LCPA).

Persons wishing to review the proposed amendment to the KYOVA 2013 Coordinated Plan may visit the KYOVA website at www.kyovaipc.org or request a copy by contacting KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission before close of the business (4:30 p.m.) on Monday, September 28, 2015. A public Open House will be held at the KYOVA Office on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Written comments will be accepted before, but no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, September 28, 2015. If no public comments are received by that time, this amendment will be considered final.

The KYOVA office is located at 400 Third Avenue Huntington, WV 25701. Business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All interested persons should direct inquiries to Michele P. Craig, Executive Director or Saleem A. Saleem, Ph. D., P.E., Transportation Study Director, at (304) 523-7434. E-mail requests and comments may be sent to Ssaleem@kyovaipc.org.

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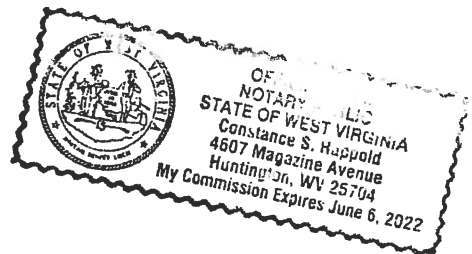
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I, BANKY JARVIS being duly sworn, depose and say that I am Legal Clerk for *The Herald-Dispatch*, HD Media Co., LLC, who publishes at Huntington, Cabell County, West Virginia, the newspaper *The Herald-Dispatch*, an Independent newspaper, the morning seven days each week, Monday through Sunday including New Year's Day, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas; that I have been duly authorized by the Board of Directors of such corporation and the newspaper mentioned herein; that the legal advertisement attached in the left margin of this affidavit and made a part herof and bearing number 35890 was duly published in the *The Herald-Dispatch* once a week for 1 successive weeks, commencing with its issue of 09/11/2015 and ending with the issue of 09/11/2015, that said legal advertisement was published on the following dates: 09/11/2015 that the cost of publishing said annexed advertisement as aforesaid was \$ 101.50; that such newspaper in which such legal advertisement was published has been and is now published regularly, at least as frequently as once a week for at least fifty weeks during the calendar year as prescribed by its mailing permit and has been so published in the municipality of Huntington, Cabell County, West Virginia, for at least one year immediately preceding the date on which the legal advertisement set forth herin was delivered to such newspaper for publication; that such newspaper is a newspaper of "general circulation" as defined in article 3, chapter 59, of the West Virginia Code within the publication area or areas of the municipality of Huntington, Cabell, Putnam and Wayne Counties, West Virginia, and that such newspaper is circulated to the general public at a definite price or consideration; that such newspaper on each date published consists of not less than four pages without a cover; and that it is a newspaper to which the general public resorts for passing events of a political, religious, commercial and social nature, and for current happenings, announcements, miscellaneous reading matter, advertisements and other notices.

Taken, subscribed and sworn to before me in my said county this day: 09/11/2015

My commission expires JUN 6, 2022

Constance S. Ruppel
 Notary Public
 Cabell County, West Virginia



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