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To: Bus Riders

Hi Friends, Thanks for taking this bus riding adventure with me! It's really easy (and free when you get your Senior Pass, for those 65 or older) to ride the Lancaster Bus System (RRTA). Let me give you the details of our trip and then some extra tips.

Details: Lisa and I will be riding with you on Friday January 9th. It should be around 50 degrees or so. A lovely winter day for a bus ride. There might be a little rain, but that's no big deal. We will meet at the Mad Chef parking lot, down toward the traffic light on Friday morning by 11:20am. It's about 10 minutes before the bus arrives. This will give us time to safely get across the streets and wait at the corner (close to WaWa). The bus comes at about 11:30am or so. Bring along your Senior Bus Pass or if you want to get your pass at the Queen Street Station, just bring along your Senior application, driver's license, and a photocopy of your driver's license.

To save time boarding the bus, I'll use my iPhone with ride pass tickets for those who don't have Senior Passes. I bought some for my role in teaching refugees how to ride the bus. They cost \$13.50 for 10 of them, so we save some money. If you insist on feeding cash into the bus, it's \$1.80 per ride. They don't give change so you could put \$2 in the machine. (or reimburse me \$1.35 per ticket)

For those of you who are 65 or older, it would be a great idea to download the Senior Pass application from my website at: <http://charliegross.com/SeniorPassApp.pdf> Fill it out, make a photocopy of your driver's license and take those forms and your driver's license to 45 Erick Road, Lancaster, PA to get your pass. That office is only 3.8 miles from here. Of course, you could also bring those forms along on our bus ride and get your Senior pass at the Queen Street station.

We arrive at Queen Street Station by 12pm. At this point you will have a number of options. You could stay with the whole group or go out on your own. We, as the group, plan to catch the 1:30pm bus back to the WaWa in East Petersburg. We arrive at about 2:00pm. To signal to get off the bus, we pull the yellow cord when we pass Advanced Auto on Manheim Pike. We then get off across Miller Road from Mad Chef.

For those of us in the larger group, we plan to walk down Queen Street, to the Southern Market (<https://www.southernmarketlancaster.com/>) for lunch. You should have enough

time to eat, socialize, and walk back up through Central Market to the Queen Street station in time to get your Senior Pass (if you don't have one) and then catch the 1:30pm bus (#19) back to East Petersburg. (Note: from Southern Market to 225 N. Queen Street (bus station) is .4 miles all up hill. Google maps says it's a 10-minute walk).

The list I have for the riders is on another URL after this document.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments about the trip or the day.

Here are the promised extra tips. I will have paper ride schedules for you. I have enough for "one per rider or couple." Another way to view the schedules are on your computer at redrosetransit.com We will travel on bus 19, the Manheim route. You could also download the RRTA app for your phone. Another excellent app is the MyStop app. It gives you "realtime" updates on the bus travel. You just select the RRTA system and then select the routes you wish to view. You can also use it to see scheduled times for stops that are in between the major stops listed in the ride guides. For those who wish to walk to the nearest bus stop, there is a bus stop on Main Street and New Street (on the west side). The sign is missing, but it is stop #762. When you return, you get off at Main St and Linden (at Hershey Ave, stop #728).

Finally, I'd be honored if you taught some others how to ride the bus and get around town or the county for free.