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New MicroTransit Service Expands to Berlin, MA – Connecting Hudson and Berlin

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The MetroWest Regional Transit Authority and Worcester Regional Transit Authority are excited to announce their partnership to launch a new public transportation service in Berlin.

MWRTA currently operates Catch Connect, an on-demand, rideshare service, in the Town of Hudson, MA. On February 17, 2025, in an effort to enhance transportation options in the region, MWRTA and WRTA will extend the reach of the existing Catch Connect service to include the neighboring town of Berlin, MA.

The Catch Connect service aims to provide flexible, on-demand transportation to those living, working, and visiting in the service area. Riders will be able to book trips directly through their phone via the MWRTA Catch App, providing an efficient alternative to traditional Fixed Route bus service.

"WRTA is excited to bring this new service to our riders in Berlin, thanks to our great partnership with the MWRTA. We are especially grateful to MassDOT for helping make this possible," said, Joshua Rickman, WRTA Administrator.

"MWRTA is excited to expand public transportation in the region, and helping bring people together is really the core of our mission. This program is only possible due to the support of MassDOT and the Legislature, as well as the WRTA and our incredible teams," added Jim Nee, MWRTA Administrator.

The Hudson / Berlin service will operate Monday through Friday, 6:45 AM – 6:45 PM, and on Saturdays, 8 AM – 6 PM, providing new transportation options between any two addresses within Hudson and Berlin, as well as key points of interest in the City of Marlborough. The Catch Connect service will be fare free through June of 2025.

For more information, please visit <u>www.mwrta.com/catch</u>.

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