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NEW PITTSFIELD INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER EXPECTED TO OPEN IN APRIL 2004

Pittsfield/Boston, Massachusetts - The new Berkshire Regional Intermodal Transportation Center will be the first bus facility in the region's history to offer patrons in-door waiting areas and convenient transfer among the routes serving downtown Pittsfield. This facility is the only major construction currently underway in the downtown Pittsfield area, and is expected to open in April 2004.

McMahon Associates, a transportation engineering and planning firm in Boston, in joint venture with HDR, Inc., was retained by the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (BRTA), in January 2001 to complete a feasibility study and provide project management services for the design and construction of the facility.

The center will serve as a single facility for three major modes of transportation, including intercity rail, intercity bus, and regional bus service. A visitors' center is planned to be built on first floor with other amenities to include food services. Additionally, the offices of the BRTA and Police Department's Administrative Offices are planned to move into facility.

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McMahon was also responsible for the design and preparation of technical specifications for the implementation of a traffic signal priority control system at three intersections adjacent to the proposed BRTA facility. The system, to be utilized by emergency vehicles and BRTA buses, will operate with high and low priority pre-emption, giving them priority movement through the signals as they enter and exit the facility, and to relieve traffic congestion in an urgent response situation. The design included timing adjustments, proposed signal structure locations, and traffic signal hardware and software upgrades, which were done in coordination with the Pittsfield Fire Department and the City Engineering Office.

McMahon Associates continues to enhance its transportation engineering and planning services to provide responsive solutions for its public and private clients throughout New England. The firm is located in downtown Boston, Massachusetts, with six additional Mid-Atlantic and Florida regional offices, and the corporate headquarters in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania. For more information, please contact William T. Steffens, associate & general manager, at (617) 725-0099 or via email to bill.steffens@mcmtrans.com.

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Under construction September 2003



*Rendering of final construction
as expected April 2004*