

NEWS RELEASE
NEW FAST FERRY PARK & RIDE BUS SERVICE

for immediate release

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TO ALLEVIATE IN-TOWN TRAFFIC AND PARKING ISSUES

As a result of dramatic growth in fast ferry usage over the past few years the NRTA Advisory Board in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen recently approved a new, comprehensive Park & Ride bus system for this summer season. The service will operate from May 22 to mid-October 13, 2014 daily from 7:00 a.m. to 8:0 p.m. This is a pilot program and if successful, will continue to operate in the future.

Buses will operate between the Park and Ride lot located at 2 Fairgrounds and both Hy-Line Cruises and Steamship Authority fast ferries. The connections will be timed to meet each arriving and departing fast ferry throughout the day until 8:00 p.m. Parking is free and is available overnight with free fares on the bus for boat users thanks to financial contributions from ReMain Nantucket, Hy-Line Cruises, The Steamship Authority, Nantucket Island Resorts, Stop & Shop, The Nantucket Hotel and Nantucket Bank.

The goal of this program is to alleviate congestion and reduce the number of vehicles presently parking in town when their occupants use the fast ferry services. Although everyone using the fast ferries of both Hy-Line and the Steamship Authority will be encouraged to use this new service, one of the primary goals is to reduce the number of off-island commercial vehicles left overnight in town and to provide an easy overnight parking solution for islanders leaving the island.

We believe the 2 Fairgrounds Park and Ride Lot is a convenient choice for vehicles to park overnight opening up a significant number of in-town parking opportunities for those who wish to shop, eat or have an appointment in town. The 2 Fairgrounds lot is also perfectly situated as a park and ride and shuttle bus location as it is bisected by many of the islands major roadways. There is presently a large area available to park cars on this town owned site.

For more information visit the NRTA's website www.nrtawave.com or email nrtan@nantucket-ma.gov or call (508) 325-9571 or stop by the Administrative Office located at 3 East Chestnut Street.