

**NEWS RELEASE**  
2010 SHUTTLE SEASON

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Nantucket – The Nantucket Regional Transit Authority (NRTA) announces the kick off of the 2010 Shuttle Season on May 15<sup>th</sup> with the Mid Island Loop, Miacomet Loop and Sconset via Old South Road Route operating from 7 am to 11:30 pm these routes will run through October 11<sup>th</sup>. The Madaket Route will operate May 24<sup>th</sup> through September 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 am to 11:20 pm. Service to Sconset via Milestone Road Route from July 1<sup>st</sup> to September 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:15 am to 7:15 pm and Sconset via Polpis Road Route from July 1<sup>st</sup> to Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Service to Surfside and Jetties Beaches will begin June 19<sup>th</sup> to September 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and service to Nantucket Memorial Airport will run June 26<sup>th</sup> to September 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

“The NRTA is excited to be starting earlier this year and running through Columbus which is something we haven’t done in several years, an extended season is something the community has been requesting and we’re able to provide that service this year so hopefully people will use it. The May 15<sup>th</sup> start, for the first time, coincides with the parking enforcement areas and timed parking changes”, Paula Leary, NRTA Administrator.

“Fares have not changed from previous seasons and pass rates remained unchanged even with a longer season making a season pass an even better deal”, said Leary. Fares on the Mid-Island Loop, Miacomet Loop and Jetties Beach Route are \$1.00 and fares on the Madaket, Sconset and Airport Routes are \$2.00 each way. Seniors 65 & older and persons with disabilities are charged half fare, children 6 & under ride for free. The NRTA offers a variety of season passes, including its commuter solution program that enables employers to buy passes for their employees at a discounted rate. Visitor passes are also available on all Shuttles for a 1-day, 3-day or 7 day period. Season and visitor passes provide unlimited rides on all Shuttles. The NRTA continues to provide Park and Ride lots as an added convenience to using the Shuttle, Park and Ride Lots are available at: The Muse, The Chicken Box, Faregrounds Restaurant (7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and Nantucket Elementary School (June 26 – September 6). Park your car for free and catch the Shuttle to town.

“The NRTA is excited to continue its latest ridership incentive programs for the 2010 Shuttle season, the Emergency Ride Home Program and the Public Transportation and Walking Map to Historic Sites and Museums.” said Leary. Leary continued, “I am thrilled with these two programs that will benefit residents, visitors and workers.” The NRTA has teamed up with MassRIDES, the Commonwealth’s statewide travel options program, to offer the FREE Emergency Ride Home Program (ERH) that is available to any employee who commutes to work by transit, walking, bicycling or carpooling at least twice a week and enrolls in the program. Several island organizations that run historic sites and museums have teamed up with the NRTA to promote their properties to visitors by way of the Shuttle, the brochure includes a map locating the island’s historic sites and museums and provides shuttle routes and stops and walking times from site to site.

Season Passes are now available at the NRTA Administrative office, 3 East Street, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4 pm. Shuttle information and Rider’s Guides are available on the NRTA’s website [www.shuttlenantucket.com](http://www.shuttlenantucket.com). Rider’s guides are also available at the NRTA Administrative Office, 3 East Chestnut Street; Visitor Services, 25 Federal Street; Chamber of Commerce, Zero Main Street or by calling or emailing the NRTA at (508) 325-9571 or [nrta@nantucket.net](mailto:nrta@nantucket.net).