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Open house on Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project set for April 17

Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) will hold a public meeting Saturday, April 17, about plans for introducing Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service in Sarasota County.

The open house will be from 9:30-11 a.m. with a presentation at 10 a.m. The presentation will be in the first-floor Commission Chamber at the Sarasota County Administration Center, 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota. The lobby and the nearby Press Room also will be used for the open house.

The BRT project would bring to the county the newest transit technology that offers rail service for less cost, and the flexibility of bus service with an improved rider experience. BRT also will provide regional travel connections to the Sarasota County area. SCAT is seeking federal funds for the project.

Information on proposed BRT routes, travel times and bus features will be available at the open house. Staff will be available to answer questions.

For more information, call 941-861-5000 or visit the Web site, www.scgov.net/brt.

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