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**LATC Public Advisory for Reduced Service or Shutdown Tomorrow**

**Lewiston – November 4, 2013** – Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee (LATC) Chair Phil Nadeau stated that he was advised by LATC staff that a number of LATC buses have been removed from service due to repair, parts availability, or preventive maintenance servicing. As of this evening, it is believed that there may be enough buses to provide two hour headways for most routes leaving the Auburn Mall shuttle and the College Street routes at one hour service.

Nadeau did state that if one more bus is pulled from service tomorrow, it will mean a full shutdown of the system. Nadeau stated that both LATC and the Western Maine Transportation System (WMTS) have been significantly impacted by the poor quality of its two low-floor Thomas/SFL which were permanently removed from service for corrosion problems in September and the ongoing breakdown and parts availability problems associated with its four low-floor Blue Bird buses.

Nadeau will present the LATC's findings at a joint City Council meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup> regarding the condition of the bus fleet and a proposed action plan to deal with the dependability of the remaining low-floor buses that make up 50% of the LATC bus fleet.

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