

"The Local Connection" to be christened in splashy event - FREE fares for first two weeks of service

WORCESTER, MA. Tuesday, March 15, 2005 — ["The Local Connection"](#) or TLC will officially begin its service to the communities of Marlborough and Southborough with a ceremonial christening at Southborough Town House on Friday, March 18th at 10:00 AM.

Officials will pour non-alcoholic champagne over the fender of a WRTA vehicle. The Worcester Transit Authority is running this dial-a-ride service on behalf of the towns of Marlborough and Southborough. "We are really pleased to be able to launch this service. We have many people in Marlborough and Southborough who will use the service," said Mary MacInnes, Administrator of the WRTA.

"It's wonderful to see that this much-needed program is now a reality," said Marlborough's Mayor Dennis Hunt. "Residents of both communities who rely on public transportation are now going to be able to get to work, to the store or doctor's office and even connect to the train and get into to Boston or Worcester."

Funded by The Federal Highway Administration, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation, and the Massachusetts Highway Department through the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization, TLC will offer free service to residents and commuters until March 28th.