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Press Release from Kerry Community Transport Ltd on

National Rural Transport Day

Friday 11th September 2009

“The Road Travelled”

To mark National Rural Transport Day, Kerry Community Transport Ltd are holding a Celebration and Awareness Raising day on Friday the 11th September 2009 in Castleisland Community, Centre.

Passengers, members of the community, TD's, Senators and Elected representatives are attending and the purpose of the day is to celebrate the achievements to date and to raise awareness of the important role Rural Transport continues to play for communities in County Kerry.

In 2009 Kerry Community Transport Ltd will carry 131,000 passenger trips and this would not be possible without the commitment, support and demand of so many communities throughout the county.

We are delighted that Mr. Dick Spring, former Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs has kindly agreed to support this event by chairing the day.

Over the past number of weeks, Kerry Community Transport Ltd together with passengers and rural communities have campaigned against the recommendation to Axe the Rural Transport Programme as outlined as a recommendation in the An Bord Snip Nua Report.

Carmel Walsh, Manager outlined that “there has been a groundswell of support for the continuation of the Rural Transport Programme. Passengers and rural communities have been instrumental in making their views known. These services ensure that people in rural communities can access essential services. For many who use the service there is not an alternative.”

As part of the celebration Kerry Community Transport Ltd will make a presentation to the passenger who made the 500,000th trip in July 2009 since we began in 2003.

Kerry Community Transport Ltd would like to sincerely thank the Volunteers, Community Members, passengers and private operators for helping make this day possible. We would also like to acknowledge the huge support received from our local elected representatives, TD's and Senators. In particular we would like to commend Jackie Healy Rae on the stance he took on National and Local Radio.

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