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### All aboard Music City Star for fun in downtown Nashville on Friday nights

**NASHVILLE** – Want to enjoy hassle-free parking when going into downtown Nashville? Want to experience a relaxing ride and not worry about the traffic? You can ... by climbing aboard the Music City Star commuter train.

In addition to the great weekday service, every Friday the Music City Star offers convenient evening service into downtown Nashville for people who want to enjoy fine dining, music, and the excitement of Music City before and after dark.

“The beautiful spring weather is perfect for riding the train into town, walking around and enjoying Nashville and the fun activities it offers,” said Paul J. Ballard, CEO of the management team, which oversees the Regional Transportation Authority’s Music City Star. “Riders also can park their cars for free at all of the outlying train stations. The fun begins the minute you board the train.”

The Friday evening train leaves Lebanon Station at 6:50 p.m., makes stops at Martha, Mt. Juliet, Hermitage and Donelson, and arrives at Nashville’s Riverfront Station at 7:40 p.m. The return train to Lebanon leaves Riverfront Station at 9:30 p.m., makes stops at the other stations along the way, and arrives back in Lebanon at 10:20 p.m.

For those wanting to spend more time in downtown Nashville, the Music City Star has an earlier weekday train than departs Mt. Juliet Station at 5 p.m., stops at the Hermitage and Donelson stations, and arrives downtown at 5:35 p.m. Two other trains depart Lebanon Station at 3:20 p.m. and 3:55 p.m. and arrive downtown at 4:10 p.m. and 4:50 p.m., respectively.

“Once people become familiar with how easy and convenient it is to ride the Music City Star, it is a bit more difficult to hop in one’s private car and make the drive to Nashville,” said Communications Director Patricia Harris-Morehead. “We encourage all of those living in the eastern corridor to support Middle Tennessee’s commuter rail line, which is actually Tennessee’s first in modern times. We urge all residents to try the service at least once. They will be pleasantly surprised.”

Single-trip tickets cost \$5 and can be purchased at Ticket Vending Machines (TVMs) located at all Music City Star stations. The TVMs accept credit cards and \$5 and \$20 bills. Pre-purchased tickets are available for purchase at Lebanon City Hall, Mt. Juliet City Hall, and select Kroger stores in Donelson, Hermitage, Mt. Juliet and Lebanon. The Kroger stores only sell tickets for departures from stations located in their local communities. The cost of pre-purchased, one-way tickets ranges from \$4 to \$5 depending on the station of departure. Tickets are also available for purchase at Riverfront Station on weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, go online to [www.musiccitystar.org](http://www.musiccitystar.org) or call 862-5950.

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