



## *Press Release*

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### ***CATA to Host Public Hearing on Fall Changes to CATARIDE Paratransit Service in the Ramblewood and Meadows Developments***

The Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) will host a public hearing (with an open house format) to gather comment on proposed fall CATARIDE paratransit service changes that would result in a loss of CATARIDE service in the Ramblewood and Meadows developments in Ferguson Township. The hearing will take place on Thursday, July 14, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the main meeting room of the Ferguson Township municipal building, 3147 Research Drive, State College. This space is accessible for those using mobility devices.

In April, CATA introduced a plan to implement a new CATAGO microtransit service zone (the Southwest Zone) in August. This zone will extend into the Pine Grove Mills area as far as the Piney Ridge neighborhood; however, service beyond Piney Ridge was not defined at that time, pending the result of a survey being conducted in the vicinity of the outlying Ramblewood and Meadows developments, areas previously served by the now discontinued F (Pine Grove) CATABUS route. Based on the data collected, the Southwest microtransit zone will remain as it was described at the Spring public hearing and not extended to the Ramblewood and Meadows developments. As a result, the area beyond Piney Ridge not serviced by the new CATAGO zone would no longer be served by CATARIDE paratransit service. Individuals in this area may qualify for other programs. Representatives from the Centre County Office of Transportation will be in attendance at the public hearing to assist attendees to understand alternative transportation options.

If approved, the proposed change in CATARIDE service would go into effect on Monday, August 15, 2022.

If public hearing participants have special needs related to language, sight, or hearing, please call (814) 238-CATA(2282) ext. 5131 or email [cata@catabus.com](mailto:cata@catabus.com) to request accommodations at least five days prior to the hearing.

Comments may also be submitted by emailing [comments@catabus.com](mailto:comments@catabus.com) or contacting CATA's Customer Service Center at (814) 238-CATA(2282) during normal business hours prior to close of business Thursday, July 14.

For additional information, please contact CATA's Customer Service Center at (814) 238-CATA(2282) or visit [www.catabus.com/cataride-hearing](http://www.catabus.com/cataride-hearing).

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