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Harriman completes 1,500 s/f Great Falls Transportation Center

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Auburn, ME Harriman, a multi-disciplinary design and engineering firm, has completed the 1,500 s/f Great Falls Transportation Center. Harriman provided architectural design, structural, electrical and mechanical engineering, and interior design services to the city for its new station.

The Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee (LATC) sought a transportation center that would serve as a hub for the Lewiston-Auburn Citylink bus service, with a location and design that would allow for local and regional access to the travel corridor for connection to the intercity bus to Portland, Boston and beyond. Located on the northern edge of Great Falls Plaza, the transportation center offers a seating area to accommodate up to 20 passengers, public restrooms and a break area for drivers. High-top tables and electrical outlets provide space for commuters to work on laptops and charge electronics. The project meets the Buy America Act, which requires all products used to be manufactured in the United States.

Great Falls Transportation Center - Auburn, ME

Project team members include:

- Architect & MEP Engineer: Harriman;
- Structural Engineer: Casco Bay Engineering of Portland;
- Civil Engineer: Casco Bay Engineering of Portland; and
- General Contractor: Benchmark Construction of Westbrook.

"The city of Auburn is committed to economic development and providing a first-class quality of life. We pride ourselves on our sustainable and diverse economy, employment and educational opportunities, and wide range of cultural and recreational activities," said Denis D'Auteuil, assistant city manager for the city and vice-chair of the Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee. "Harriman created a transportation facility that serves both our tourists and commuters alike, and aligns with our values to support local commerce and energy efficient transportation. We are proud to provide commuters with this safe, warm transportation center."

The project was funded by a combination of city money and federal grants from the Federal Transit Administration.

"It was an honor for Harriman to create a high-quality transportation hub right here in our city. We love designing for our community," said Judy Johnson, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, principal at Harriman. "Public transportation is a safe, affordable transportation option that lessens the impact on the environment. We applaud the City of Auburn for making a commitment to the city's economic development by providing this transportation center and working towards connecting Auburn to cities like Portland and Boston."

Harriman is a multi-disciplinary design and engineering firm with offices in Portland and Auburn, Maine, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and Boston, Massachusetts. Combining the legacy of two design firms into an even stronger, more flexible and robust firm dedicated to enhancing the built and natural environment, Harriman and its urban design and planning studio, formerly known as The Cecil Group, are dedicated to providing clients with thoughtful solutions through distinctive design and innovative strategies. Together the firm is a more comprehensive integrated, full-service practice in architecture, engineering, urban design, planning, and landscape architecture.

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