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SPORTRAN DELAYS NOON START FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, AFTER HARD FREEZE OVERNIGHT

(Shreveport, LA) --- After SporTran’s safety team evaluated road conditions throughout the area this morning, the limited transit service expected to begin at noon today has been suspended until further notice.

While temperatures are rising this morning and will continue to warm this afternoon, many roadways, walkways, and tree-lined streets are as dangerous today as they were yesterday. Ice accumulations are still an issue across the region following the hard refreeze overnight Tuesday.

Safety is SporTran’s first priority in all transit decisions. SporTran operators and transportation supervisors are on duty and ready to roll out when conditions improve. At this time, we are not able to give specifics; it may be 2 hours, or it may not be feasible for us to run the service today at all. Information and updates will be released as our supervisors continue to evaluate road conditions.

Thursday, January 18:

Below freezing temperatures are expected overnight Wednesday and into Thursday morning. Because of the risk of ice and slush refreezing overnight, SporTran will have a delayed start Thursday morning.

SporTran’s safety team and transportation supervisors will begin driving routes in the early morning hours Thursday. Their evaluations will determine when service begins for every route. Depending on the level of travel risk, one route may begin at its normal time, and one may be delayed until more melting occurs. We will release details on service as they become available.

“We understand this is a difficult situation for our riders, many of whom depend on public transit,” states SporTran CEO Dinero’ Washington. “It’s hard to plan your day when you don’t know when your bus will be running again. However, we simply will not put any staff or passengers on the road until that road is safe to drive. SporTran has a 4-person team of safety professionals who have been driving Shreveport-Bossier for several days, evaluating roads, platforms and walkways at our facilities. Based on their findings, the ice is still a factor. We will keep the public informed as changes happen, and service opens back up. Thankfully, what we do know is that service will be fully restored at some point on Thursday.”