

## Service Curtailment Notice for Thursday, January 4, 2018

## \*\*\* FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE \*\*\*

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**Dover, NH** – Due to the intensity of the winter storm bearing down on the Seacoast of New Hampshire the decision has been made to cancel all service on Thursday, January 4, 2018. "We have been watching the weather forecasts all day and feel this is the most prudent decision we could make based on the predicted conditions," stated Rad Nichols, COAST Executive Director. "The predicted snow and wind presents tremendous safety concerns as visibility and road conditions will deteriorate quickly," added Nichols.

The expectation is that COAST will return to regular operations on Friday, January 5.

Once COAST is able to resume service, expect delays as storm cleanup may likely be affecting traffic. Nichols commented, "Please be patient as we do everything we can to get you safely to your destination. If you need to travel after the storm, please be safe on your way to and from bus stops. Do not wait for the bus on top of snow banks! Find the nearest driveway opening; make sure you are visible to the bus operator and wave as the bus approaches. In low light conditions wave a lit cell phone or flashlight to make you more visible to the bus operator." COAST recommends wearing bright clothing, having reflectors and carrying a flashlight.

For updated information on COAST services, please tune in to area radio and television news outlets. COAST will also be using its website at <a href="www.coastbus.org">www.coastbus.org</a>, Facebook page at <a href="www.facebook.com/COASTbus">www.facebook.com/COASTbus</a> and twitter account @COASTbus to provide additional updates.

The Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation (COAST) has provided public transit service to the Seacoast New Hampshire region since 1982. COAST is a public, non-profit transit system that relies primarily on federal and local government support to operate. COAST is governed by a board of directors representing the communities served, two regional planning commissions, and many local and state agencies.

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