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ZIP Public Transit Route to Cease

CHOCTAW, Miss. – The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians has announced that the ZIP Public Transit route will cease beginning Tuesday, June 1, 2010.

The ZIP bus route commenced in February 2005, as a rural public transportation system created in partnership with the Community Development Partnership, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, and the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT). The route has offered safe, affordable, and reliable transportation to locals and visitors alike. The ZIP route has had seven ZipZones, or bus stops, including Pearl River Resort, Williams Brothers, Inc., Canal Place Shopping Center, Wal-Mart Supercenter, The Citizen's Bank, Jerome Tank Season 2 Season, and The Coffee Bean restaurant. Most recently, the bus has been operating Mondays through Saturdays 6:30 a.m. through 10:30 p.m.

The Tribe would like to extend its appreciation for the encouragement, support, and Federal matching funds that MDOT has provided to the ZIP program since its inception.

The Choctaw Transit Program has stated that other transit services provided by the Tribe will not be affected.

For more information, please contact Billy Robertson at (601) 650-7429.

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The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, under the esteemed leadership of Miko Beasley Denson, has an enrolled membership of over 10,000 and is the only federally recognized tribe in the State of Mississippi. Headquartered in the Pearl River community, near Philadelphia, Mississippi, the Tribe has emerged as a leader in economic development. The Tribe provides a range of governmental services for its members including schools, a hospital, medical clinics, police and fire protection, courts, an elderly center, among many others.