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## Busloads of donated toys sought for 12th annual 'Fill-A-Bus' program run by MassDOT, MBTA

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MBTA mascot Charlie helped kick off the Fill-a-Bus campaign by placing the first toy on the bus in front of South Station at noon on Monday.

By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

The state transportation department and the MBTA are holding the 12th annual "Fill-A-Bus" program this week to collect busloads of donated toys that will go to children in need, officials said.

Through Friday, Dec. 14, new, unwrapped toys will be collected at South Station or when the bus campaign makes local stops around the Bay State, according state transportation officials.

The program benefits: Action for Boston Community Development; Mass Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children; Yawkey Boys & Girls Club of Boston, and the Freedom House. Sponsors include Equity Office and Radio

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92.9, officials said.

On Wednesday, the bus is scheduled to stop at the Watertown RMV at 550 Arsenal St. from 9 to 10 a.m.; the Quincy Bus Garage at 954 Hancock St. from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Transit Police at 240 Southampton St. in Boston, from 1 to 2 p.m.; and Mass Aeronautics at 1 Harborside Dr. in East Boston from 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

On Thursday, the schedule calls for stops at an MBTA facility at 500 Arborway in Jamaica Plain from 9 to 10 a.m.; at the Braintree RMV at 10 Plain St. from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.; at the Quincy RMV Headquarters at 25 Newport Ave. Extension from 1 to 2 p.m.; and the Highway District 5 Office at 1000 County St. in Taunton from 3 to 4 p.m., officials said.

On Friday, the toy donation tour will wrap up at the following stops: the Highway District 6 Office at 185 Kneeland St. in Boston, from 9 to 10 a.m.; the Boston RMV at 630 Washington St. in Boston, from 9 to 10 a.m.; the MBTA Cabot Bus Garage at 275 Dorchester Ave. in Boston from 11 to 12 p.m.; and the Transportation Building at 10 Park Plaza in Boston from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The program began on Monday, Dec. 10, when the bus stopped in Worcester, Everett and Charlestown. On Tuesday, it visited Lawrence, Arlington, Lynn and a T operations center in downtown Boston, officials said.

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