

We Need Your Input

DART January 2015 Service Change Recommendations

Delaware Transit Corporation (DTC) is conducting two Open House/Information Sessions to provide the opportunity for customers and the public to review and provide feedback on possible changes to individual bus routes. Sessions are being held in advance of introducing service proposals at DART's Public Hearing Workshops on October 28 & 29, 2014. The service change recommendations are linked to the Wilmington Transit Moving Forward (WTMF) report. The sessions are:

Tuesday, September 23, 2014 - 4 PM to 7 PM
Wilmington Public Library – The Commons Room
10 E. 10th Street, Wilmington, DE 19801

&

Thursday, September 25, 2014 – 4 PM to 6 PM
WILMAPCO
850 Library Avenue, Newark, DE 19711

Service Change Recommendations include:

Route 1 – would serve Amtrak Station, using Walnut Street to 12th Street instead of Orange Street, not serving Rodney Square; nearest stop would be Walnut at 12th Street which is more convenient to riders coming from the east side of Wilmington.

Route 5 – would turn from Orange Street to 9th Street instead of going to Rodney Square. Outbound trips would begin on King Street at 9th Street. Eight one-way trips would be added to afternoon bus service to increase frequencies from 30 minutes to 20 minutes.

Route 6 - would turn from 11th Street onto French Street no longer serving Amtrak Station. Twenty-two one-way trips would be added to alleviate overcrowding, improve schedule reliability, and increase frequencies from Prices Corner to Wilmington from 20 minutes to 15 minutes and from Newark to Prices Corner from 40 minutes to 30 minutes.

Route 7 – would continue to serve Wilmington's Riverfront, Hedgeville area, St. Elizabeth's School & Parish, and St. Francis Hospital; providing new, direct service to Trolley Square, ACME and Lincoln Towers, no longer serving Pennsylvania Avenue or Rodney Square.

Routes 16 & 42 – would add stops at the I-95 Service Plaza to provide employment access.

Routes 19, 30, 36 – Combine routes to form a new **Route 18** that would operate frequently between Pike Creek and Wilmington along Milltown and Faulkland Roads, with connections at Prices Corner Park & Ride. Limestone Road between DE 4 in Stanton to Milltown Road would no longer be served.

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Routes 17, 22, 25 – would access downtown via Walnut Street instead of Orange Street, turning on 12th Street back to King Street.

Route 25 - routing change to Delaware City via Tybouts Corner Park & Ride, no longer serving DE 9 and Hamburg Road, but would instead use US 13/DE 1 and DE 72 providing service to DART Mid-County Wrangle Hill Park & Ride and new DMV facility on all trips that serve Delaware City. The new routing would eliminate conflicts with freight train movements on DE 9 that have affected schedule reliability.

Route 28 – all trips would use Broom Street providing local service to A.I DuPont Hospital and Nemours Clinic, discontinuing service along Augustine Cutoff.

Route 33 - Sunday service would be implemented on the segment from Christiana Mall to Newark ONLY.

Route 34 – all trips from Marrows Road would be replaced by Route 55, allowing Route 34 to provide more direct service between Newark and Christiana, serving Comcast/Wakefield Drive, University Plaza, Old Main Street in downtown Christiana ending at Christiana Mall, making it a suburban route with no extensions to Wilmington.

Route 44 – A new route would convert existing “Not In Service” buses to express buses between DART Mid-County Wrangle Hill Park & Ride and new DMV facility to Christiana Mall.

Routes 46 & 55 – Splitting the existing Route 55 into two segments for schedule reliability: Glasgow - Newark (new Route 46); Newark - Christiana Mall (Route 55), with no extensions to Wilmington.

Route 55 would serve Marrows Road and replace Route 34, and no longer turn around in White Chapel community. Route 55 routing would be Christiana Mall to Old Baltimore Pike, Library Avenue to Chestnut Hill Road to Marrows Road to Wyoming Drive back to Library Avenue. With this routing change, it would expand service frequencies to Marrows Road community by expanding weekday service hours to 9:30 PM and introducing Saturday service to this area from 6:30 AM to 8 PM.

Route 46 routing would be from Peoples Plaza/US 40 to DE 896 to S. College Avenue to Newark Transit Hub, connecting to Route 55 at the Newark Transit Hub.

To view the WTMF Final Report, please visit www.wilmapco.org/wilmtransitmoveforward.

If an accommodation such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired or a language translator is needed, please contact DTC by calling 1-800-652-DART (3278), option 2, no later than September 18, 2014.

