

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Celebrate July 4th with WeGo Special event train and bus service makes attending easier

NASHVILLE – It's going to be a big party and WeGo Public Transit can help families celebrate the Nashville Let Freedom Sing! Fourth of July event with safety and ease. There will be special WeGo Star train service to and from downtown. All bus routes will operate on a Sunday schedule with final departures at 11:15 p.m. Bus riders are encouraged to use the Elizabeth Duff Transit Center at WeGo Central, located downtown, for the bus ride home. Road closures and congestion may require unexpected detours of stops downtown. Organizers say the event is one of the largest fireworks show in the nation. The concert will feature headliner Brad Paisley and the Nashville Symphony. A Family Fun Zone will provide plenty of activities for kids.

WeGo Star

July 4th train tickets are available for purchase now on <u>TicketsNashville.com</u>. Round-trip tickets cost \$15 with a \$2 processing fee and cannot be purchased at local train stations TVM's. The tickets will remain on sale until 24 hours before the event, or until the train is sold out. 650 tickets are available. Riders will receive one ticket for the round-trip and must present it to receive a colored wristband for the return trip. Children aged four and younger will not need a ticket to board but are required to sit in a parent or guardian's lap. Weekday WeGo Star tickets and monthly passes will not be accepted for the July 4th train.

The return train will leave Riverfront Station one hour after the conclusion of the fireworks show. Riders will need to show their wristband to reboard the train.

Customers requiring special accommodations should call 615-862-5950.

The WeGo Star will depart to Nashville at the following times:

Lebanon: 4:00 p.m.

Hamilton Springs: 4:08 p.m.

Martha: 4:15 p.m. Mt. Juliet: 4:25 p.m. Hermitage: 4:35 p.m. Donelson: 4:45 p.m. Riverfront: 5:00 p.m.

WeGo Bus

All routes will operate on a Sunday schedule. The fireworks are expected to end at approximately 10 p.m., and with new extended hours, most frequent and local routes will be operating until 11:15 p.m. Because congestion may require unexpected detours downtown, customers are encouraged to consider boarding at the Elizabeth Duff Transit Center at WeGo Central (4th & Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Boulevard). The following routes will be operating that will get customers home after the fireworks:

- 3 West End/White Bridge
- 4 Shelby
- 7 Hillsboro
- 8 8th Avenue South
- 14 Whites Creek
- 17 12th Avenue South
- 18 Airport

- 19 Herman
- 22 Bordeaux
- 23 Dickerson Pike
- 28 Meridian
- 29 Jefferson
- 34 Opry Mills
- 50 Charlotte Pike
- 52 Nolensville Pike
- 55 Murfreesboro Pike
- 56 Gallatin Pike

Free Park & Ride lots for the holiday service are at the following locations:

- Vanderbilt lots of Natchez Trace
- Bellevue Park & Ride
- Global Mall at the Crossings
- Walton Lane on Gallatin Pike
- Dollar General at Hickory Plaza
- Public Library Bellevue, Edgehill, Hadley Park, Inglewood, Madison, Richland Park, Southeast, and Thompson Lane branches

Access

 Access riders who would like transportation leaving the July 4th event need to schedule their trip before 4:30 p.m. Monday, July 3. Access vans will have a single departure at 10:30 p.m. from Broadway in front of Hume-Fogg Magnet School (between 7th and 8th Avenues.)

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About WeGo Public Transit

The Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority (Nashville MTA) and the Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee (RTA) are operating bodies of WeGo Public Transit, which serves 26 local bus routes, eight regional bus routes, and one train serving Davidson and Wilson Counties. Visit <u>WeGoTransit.com</u>

