

MEDIA ADVISORY

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WeGo proposes service changes for Spring 2022 Public meetings scheduled for January 20, 25

NASHVILLE – In a continuation of efforts to adjust public transit service in Nashville and Middle Tennessee in response to ridership needs and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, WeGo Public Transit will have an open public comment period starting Monday, January 10 through Monday, January 31, 2022.

During this time, customers will be able to view proposed service changes, participate in virtual meetings to provide comment directly to WeGo staff members, and submit feedback via mail, phone, and email as the agency works to ensure the changes proposed will meet the needs of the communities served.

New Proposed Spring Service Changes

The proposed spring service changes would feature the following adjustments:

More trips during weekday peaks

6 Lebanon Pike 19 Herman 29 Jefferson

14 Whites Creek 28 Meridian 42 St. Cecilia/Cumberland

17 12th Avenue South

Weekday Evening Frequency Improvements

3 West End/White Bridge 7 Hillsboro Pike 5 West End/Bellevue 8 8th Avenue South

Additional trips in the late evening/night on weekdays, Saturdays, and Sundays

3 West End/White Bridge 50 Charlotte Pike 55 Murfreesboro Pike

22 Bordeaux 52 Nolensville Pike 56 Gallatin Pike

23 Dickerson Pike

Weekend Frequency Improvements

6 Lebanon Pike 8 8th Avenue South (Saturdays) 7 Hillsboro (Saturday and Sunday) 55 Murfreesboro Pike (Saturdays)

Expanded service hours:

- 6 Lebanon Pike longer span of service on Saturdays and Sundays, with hourly service from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Access On Demand extend hours to 8 p.m.

Route adjustments

- 4 Shelby change routing from Gallatin Pike; no service on Ardee between Gallatin and Kennedy
- 76 Madison change routing from Gallatin Pike; buses will pick up at Madison Station outbound and then continue via Gallatin Pike, Old Hickory Blvd, and Forest Park to Neely's Bend
- 21 Wedgewood & 77 Thompson combine as one route; extend from Tennessee State University 26th
 & Clarksville via Ed Temple Boulevard

New Routes

79 Skyline – new route connecting Dickerson Pike to Gallatin Pike and the 76 Madison

Rename/renumber

- 3 West End/White Bridge combine with route 5 and rename 3 West End; White Bridge portion named
 3A
- 5 West End/Bellevue combine with route 3 and rename 3 West End; Bellevue portion named 3B
- 21 Wedgewood combine with 77 Thompson and rename 77 Thompson/Wedgewood
- 25 Midtown renumber to 75 Midtown
- 77 Thompson combine with 21 Wedgewood and rename 77 Thompson/Wedgewood

For more detailed information on these changes, customers are invited to visit the Customer Information Window at WeGo Central or visit us online at WeGoTransit.com to view a presentation that provides more context.

Customers may also participate in any of the virtual public meetings for which the times and dates are listed below. Call-in details to participate in the meetings to ask questions or provide comment can be found at WeGo Transit.com.

- Thursday, January 20, 12-1 p.m., Zoom meeting 811 4386 6652
- Thursday, January 20, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Zoom meeting 819 4628 4092
- Tuesday, January 25, 12-1 p.m., Zoom meeting 885 6174 0314
- Thursday, January 27, 2:30 p.m., Nashville MTA Board Meeting, Tennessee Bankers Association, 211 Athens Way

Please note that attendance at the above meetings is not required for comments. Comments may be mailed to WeGo Public Transit Community Engagement, Attn: Public Meeting Comments, 430 Myatt Drive, Nashville, TN 37115; submitted by telephone by calling Public Comments at 615-862-5686; or emailed to WeGoTransit@nashville.gov through January 31, 2022.

An overview of the new plan will be available at <u>WeGoTransit.com</u> on Monday, January 10. Members of the public are encouraged to sign up for WeGo's newsletter, follow them on social media, and visit WeGoTransit.com for continuous updates.

About WeGo Public Transit

The Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority (Nashville MTA) and the Regional Transportation Authority (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.

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