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COTA Implements Service Changes for January 2010

COLUMBUS – The Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) implements service changes on Monday, Jan. 4, 2010.

COTA is in the midst of a service expansion program begun in 2007. COTA changes its service three times a year in January, May and September.

The new #55 Gender Road Express originates at the new Gender Road Park and Ride just north of the US 33 and Gender Road interchange at the Gender Road Christian Church. Two morning trips travel from the Gender Road Park and Ride to downtown at High St. and Nationwide Blvd. The two evening trips travel from High St. and Nationwide Blvd. to the Gender Road Park and Ride.

The #81 Hudson/Ohio Crosstown has select trips extended to serve the Rickenbacker Area Industrial Parks. Four morning and four evening trips realign to continue south on Alum Creek Dr. and around the Industrial Parks area. Trips serving Rickenbacker do not serve Williams Road, Millstone Road or Thimbleberry Road.

For more information, call (614) 228-1776 or go to www.cota.com.

All Local, Express and Crosstown routes affected by the service changes are attached in detail.

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January 2010 Service Change Details

LOCAL ROUTES

Service Span Expansion (WEEKDAY)

The subsequent routes will expand late-night WEEKDAY service as follows:

- The 10:45 P.M. trip from downtown will be moved to 11 P.M.
- The 11:45 P.M. trip from downtown will be moved to 12 A.M. (midnight)

1 Cleveland Ave./Livingston Ave.
2 N. High St./E. Main St.
3 Northwest Blvd./W. Mound St.
4 Parsons Ave.
6 Mt. Vernon Ave./Sullivant Ave.
7 Neil Ave./Whittier St.
8 Frebis Ave./Hamilton Ave.
10 W. Broad St./E. Broad St.
16 Long St./S. High St.
18 Kenny Road

The subsequent routes will expand late-night WEEKDAY service as follows:

- NEW 11 P.M. trip from downtown added
- NEW 12 A.M. (midnight) trip from downtown added

4 Indianola Ave.
5 W. Fifth Ave.
9 Leonard-Brentnell
11 Oak-Bryden/St. Clair

Service Span Expansion (SATURDAY)

The subsequent routes will expand late night SATURDAY service as follows:

- NEW 11:00 P.M. trip from downtown added
- NEW 12:00 A.M. (midnight) trip from downtown added

- 1 Cleveland Ave./Livingston Ave.
- 2 N. High St./E. Main St.
- 3 Northwest Blvd./W. Mound St.
- 4 Indianola Ave./Parsons Ave.
- 5 W. Fifth Ave.
- 6 Mt. Vernon Ave./Sullivant Ave.
- 7 Neil Ave./Whittier St.
- 8 Frebis Ave./Hamilton Ave.
- 9 Leonard-Brentnell
- 10 W. Broad St./E. Broad St.
- 11 Oak-Bryden/St. Clair
- 16 Long St./S. High St.
- 18 Kenny Road

Service Span Expansion (SUNDAY)

The subsequent routes will expand late night SUNDAY service as follows:

- NEW 8 P.M. trip from downtown added
- NEW 9 P.M. trip from downtown added

- 1 Cleveland Ave./Livingston Ave.
- 2 N. High St./E. Main St.
- 3 W. Mound St.
- 4 Indianola Ave./Parsons Ave.
- 5 W. Fifth Ave.
- 6 Mt. Vernon Ave./Sullivant Ave.
- 7 Neil Ave./Whittier St.
- 8 Frebis Ave./Hamilton Ave.
- 9 Leonard-Brentnell
- 10 W. Broad St./E. Broad St.
- 11 Oak-Bryden/St. Clair
- 16 Long St./S. High St.
- 18 Kenny Road

Macy's Kingsdale Park and Ride Relocation and Construction

Due to construction at the Kingsdale Shopping Center, COTA's park and ride on Northwest Blvd. will be moved and renamed Macy's Kingsdale Park and Ride. The new location will be west of Macy's along Tremont Road near Ridgecliff Road.

The new Macy's Kingsdale Park and Ride location will serve the #3, #84 and #60. The #60 Arlington Express will be realigned to travel on Tremont Road to Zollinger Road instead of Northwest Blvd.

#83 Oakland-Weber

The #83 Oakland-Weber will not serve the new Macy's Kingsdale Park and Ride location continuing its current alignment on Northwest Blvd.

1 Cleveland Ave. Saturday

Reliability • Span

More evening service will be extended to Westerville.

1 Livingston Ave. Weekday

Reliability • Span

On Weekdays, a 7:16 A.M. trip leaving the Reynoldsburg Park and Ride will be added and the 5:59 A.M. trip leaving Northern Lights (6:25 A.M. from Broad St. and High St.) will travel to the Reynoldsburg Park and Ride instead of ending at Shady Lane Road and Main St.

1 Livingston Ave. Saturday

Reliability • Alignment • Span

All evening service will be extended to Reynoldsburg Park and Ride. Evening trips after 5 P.M. will no longer end at Shady Lane Road and Main St.

4 Indianola Ave. Sunday

Alignment • Span

Northbound trips travelling to Graceland will travel through the Broadmeadows and Highfield neighborhood.

8 Frebis Ave. All Days

Alignment • Span

To improve on-time performance and reduce traveling through residential neighborhoods late in the evening, the following trips leaving downtown will be realigned in the neighborhood south of Watkins Road.

Realigned trips leaving downtown:

- Weekday: 10 P.M., 11 P.M., 12 A.M. (Midnight)
- Saturday: 10 P.M., 11 P.M., 12 A.M. (Midnight)
- Sunday: 8 P.M., 9 P.M.

The trips will be realigned to travel south on Fairwood Ave., east on Watkins Road, south on Weirton Dr., west on Southfield Dr. and north on Fairwood Ave. continuing the standard alignment. Service along Southfield Dr. south of Weirton Dr., Venice Dr., Zenner Dr., Quaker Road, Wayland Dr., Fairwood Ave. south of Southfield Dr., Southfield Dr. west of Fairwood Ave. and Grovewood Dr. will be discontinued.

11 Oak-Bryden Saturday

Reliability • Frequency • Alignment • Span

Saturday service will be extended east of Eastland Mall to the Kroger at Gender Road and Refugee Road. Frequency of service will be stretched from 45 minutes to approximately 50 minutes. Saturday service will no longer enter Eastland Mall.

11 Oak-Bryden Sunday

Reliability • Frequency • Alignment • Span

Sunday service will be extended east of Eastland Mall to the Kroger at Gender Road and Refugee Road. Frequency of service will be stretched from 45 minutes to approximately 60 minutes. All trips will now meet the Broad St. and High St. line-ups on the hour. Sunday service will no longer enter Eastland Mall.

11 St. Clair All Days

Alignment

Due to the temporary closing of Sawyer Towers, service will no longer be provided on Sawyer Tower Blvd.

11 St. Clair Saturday

Reliability • Frequency • Span

In order to reach the Kroger at Gender Road and Refugee Road on the Oak-Bryden side of the route, the frequency has been stretched from 45 minutes to approximately 50 minutes.

11 St. Clair Sunday

Reliability • Frequency • Span

In order to reach the Kroger at Gender Road and Refugee Roads on the Oak-Bryden side of the route, the frequency has been stretched from 45 minutes to approximately 60 minutes. All trips will now meet the Broad St. and High St. line-ups on the hour.

12 McKinley/Fields Weekday

Reliability

The start and end of the line will now be at the COTA administration parking lot stop on McKinley Ave.

12 McKinley/Fields Saturday

Reliability • Frequency • Alignment • Span

Due to the increase in span of service on Saturdays on local routes, service will be extended from 7:10 P.M. to 9 P.M.

12 McKinley/Fields Sunday

Reliability • Frequency • Alignment • Span

Due to the increase in span of service on Sundays on Local routes, service will begin earlier at approximately 10:30 A.M. and be extended later to approximately 6 P.M.

Travel times will be adjusted to improve on-time performance.

15 Grove City Weekday

Reliability • Frequency • Alignment • Span

Westbound service will be realigned to serve the Mid-Ohio Foodbank's new distribution center and pantry. Only westbound service to downtown will be realigned. Service will depart Buckeye Parkway for downtown, travel west on Stringtown Road, north on Marlane Dr., west on Ohio Dr., south on Gantz Road and continue west on Stringtown Road following the standard alignment. Eastbound service will not be affected.

The 4:02 P.M. trip departing Buckeye Parkway to downtown will now depart at 4:10 P.M. The 4:59 P.M. trip leaving from Long St. and High St. to Grove City will now depart at 5:08 P.M.

Travel times will be adjusted to improve on-time performance.

15 Grove City Saturday

Reliability • Frequency • Alignment • Span

Westbound service will be realigned to serve the Mid-Ohio Food Bank's new distribution center and pantry. Only westbound service to downtown will be realigned. Service will depart Buckeye Parkway for downtown, travel west on Stringtown Road, north on Marlane Dr., west on Ohio Dr., south on Gantz Road and continue west on Stringtown Road following the standard alignment. Eastbound service will not be affected.

Travel times will be adjusted to improve on-time performance.

EXPRESS ROUTES

35 Tamarack Express Weekday

Alignment

In order to reduce traveling through residential neighborhoods, service will be realigned to continue north on Sharon Woods Blvd., west on Schrock Road and south on Skywae Dr. Service will be discontinued on Hillandale Ave. and Justice Ave.

38 Easton Express Weekday

Alignment

In a system wide effort to improve performance, service will be discontinued north of SR 161. Service along Sunbury Road north of SR 161, Dempsey Road, Paris Blvd., Paris Blvd. N. and Buenos Aires Blvd. will be discontinued. Service south of SR 161 will not be affected. Scheduled times will not change. Service will now start in the A.M. and end in the P.M. at Strawberry Farms Blvd. and Ashtonwoods Pl.

39 New Albany Express Weekday

Alignment

In order to increase directness, service will be discontinued along the deviation on Dublin-Granville Road that serves the neighborhood along Deer Run Pl. to the intersection of Little Turtle Way/Blendon Pond Dr. A.M. Service will continue west on Dublin-Granville Road to Little Turtle Way, continuing the standard alignment. P.M. service will follow the reverse alignment.

40 New Albany Business Express Weekday

Reliability • Alignment

In order to increase directness, service will leave the Easton Transit Center Park and Ride, travel north on Stelzer Road, north on Sunbury Road and east on SR 161 continuing the standard alignment.

Travel times will be adjusted to reduce total trip time.

50 Rickenbacker Express Weekday

Reliability

P.M. trip times will be modified to accommodate the 4:30 P.M. shift end time.

55 Gender Road Express Weekday NEW ROUTE

New express route will originate at the new Gender Road Park and Ride, just north of the US 33 and Gender Road interchange. The A.M. service will travel south from the park and ride on Gender Road, west and north on US 33, west on I-70, west on Fulton St. and north on High St. ending at High St. and Nationwide Blvd. The P.M. service will start at High St. and Nationwide Blvd., travel south along High St., east on Main St., south on Third St., east on I-70, east and south on US 33 and north on Gender Road to the Gender Road Park and Ride.

The new Gender Road Park and Ride will be located at Gender Road Christian Church, 5336 Gender Rd., Canal Winchester. It is north of the Gender Road and Lehman Road intersection. Two morning and two afternoon trips serving the 7:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. downtown work start times and the 4:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. downtown work end times will be provided.

65 Southpark Express **Weekday**

Reliability • Frequency • Alignment • Span

An additional trip will be added. The A.M. trip will depart downtown at 7:50 A.M. and arrive at the Grove City Park and Ride at 8:19 A.M. The P.M. trip will depart the Grove City Park and Ride at 5:16 P.M. and arrive downtown at 5:49 P.M.

Service will be realigned to serve the Mid-Ohio Foodbank's new distribution center and pantry. In the A.M., after departing downtown, service will continue south on I-71, west on Stringtown Road, north on Marlane Dr., west and north on Brookham Dr., north on Gantz Road, east on Southpark Pl., west on Southpark Pl., south on Gantz Road and west on Stringtown Road to the Grove City Park and Ride. In the P.M., after departing the Grove City Park and Ride, service will continue east on Stringtown Road, north on Gantz Road, east on Ohio Dr., north on Marlane Dr., west and north on Brookham Dr., north on Gantz Road, east on Southpark Pl., west on Southpark Pl., south on Gantz Road and east on Stringtown Road continuing the standard alignment north on I-71 to downtown.

CROSSTOWN ROUTES

81 Hudson/Ohio **Weekday**

Alignment • New Service

Select trips will be extended to serve the Rickenbacker Area Industrial Parks. Four A.M. and four P.M. trips will be realigned to continue south on Alum Creek Dr., east on Spiegel Dr., south on Port Road, west on London-Groveport Road and north on Alum Creek Dr. continuing the standard alignment. Trips serving the Rickenbacker Area Industrial Parks will not serve Williams Road, Millstone Road or Thimbleberry Road.

83 Oakland/Weber **Weekday**

Reliability

The 7:40 a.m. trip from Northern Lights will be shifted two minutes earlier leaving at 7:38 a.m. in order to improve transfer connections to other lines.

92 James Road **Weekday**

Span

Weekday service will be extended from 8:30 P.M. to approximately 10 P.M.

95 Morse/Henderson Weekday

Reliability • Span

Weekday service will be extended from 10 P.M. to approximately 10:30 P.M.

The construction on Henderson Road has been completed. Westbound service has been restored to pre-construction alignment. Travel times have been adjusted to improve on-time performance and the frequency has been improved from approximately 35 minutes to 30 minutes.

95 Morse/Henderson Saturday

Reliability • Span

The construction on Henderson Road has been completed. Westbound service has been restored to pre-construction alignment. Travel times have been adjusted to improve on-time performance and the frequency has been improved from approximately 50 minutes to 45 minutes.