









# Bus – Changes to Base Service

What we heard		What we changed
<p>Maintaining access is more important than frequency; limit the number of <b>current</b> riders who are stranded (greater than ½ mile from bus or rapid transit)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not suspend routes with larger number of Fall 2020 riders stranded (&gt;30).</b> Keep some access for:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Malden/Melrose:</b> Continue some service on 131 (peak only) and 136 (combine with 137)</li> <li>• <b>Quincy:</b> Continue to operate 230 between Braintree and Quincy Center</li> <li>• <b>Hull:</b> Continue some service on 714</li> <li>• <b>Canton:</b> Continue some service on 716</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Maintain the <b>Suburban Subsidy program</b>, which partially funds service in five communities (<b>Bedford, Beverly, Burlington, Lexington, and Mission Hill (Boston)</b>)</li> </ul>
<p>Though a low number of riders, believe that riders using system <b>after midnight</b> are likely to be essential workers</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Continue to operate bus service after midnight</b>, though may reduce some frequency</li> </ul>
<p>Route elimination with will significantly negatively impact <b>people with disabilities and Seniors</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to operate some service on route 43 (<b>Roxbury &amp; South End, Boston</b>) as even though within ½ mile of alternative rapid transit or bus, concerns raised about accessibility and access to Tufts Medical Center</li> </ul>

# Rapid Transit – Changes to Base Service


What we heard		What we changed
<p>The <b>Blue Line</b> is currently at capacity at some times, especially in the AM</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only reduce Blue Line frequency (time between trains) by up to 5% during lower ridership times, and review on regular basis</li> </ul>
<p>Stopping the <b>E Line</b> at Heath Street will significantly negatively impact people with disabilities and Seniors, and makes access to the VA Medical Center more challenging</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to operate the E Line to Heath Street, serve all stops</li> </ul>
<p>Though a low number of riders, believe that riders using system <b>after midnight</b> are likely to be essential workers</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to operate rapid transit service after midnight, though may reduce some frequency</li> </ul>

# Commuter Rail – Changes to Base Service

What we heard		What we changed
<p>Maintaining access is more important than frequency; there are essential riders who need the <b>Commuter Rail on the weekend</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Maintain some weekend service</b> on the higher ridership and/or Transit Critical Commuter Rail lines (Providence, Worcester, Middleboro, Newburyport/Rockport and Fairmount), and only suspend the lower ridership lines</li></ul>
<p><b>Cedar Park stop</b> (on Haverhill line) serves a large watershed and a community with lower car ownership</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue to serve <b>Cedar Park stop</b></li></ul>



# Ferry – Changes to base service

What we heard		What we changed
<p>Maintaining access is more important than frequency, some essential workers rely on Hingham/Hull ferry, and it will be easier to tell when to ramp up frequency if at least minimal service continues to operate</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Continue to operate some Hingham/Hull weekday ferry service</b>, exact schedule still to be determined and if all Boston stops will be served, though service may be limited to peak/commuter hours (but will still serve both Hingham and Hull)</li></ul>



# Service Proposal for 12/14

Mode	Fall 2020 ridership (vs. pre-COVID)	Projected ridership for July 2021 (vs. pre-COVID)		FY21 Scheduled service hours		FY21 Service Proposal	
		Scenario 3	Scenario 2	Modified Proposal for 12/14	Original proposal (11/9)	Modified proposal for 12/14	What changed vs. 11/9
<b>Bus</b>	41%	51%	55%	85-90% est.	85%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No change to hours of operation</li> <li>Suspend 20 routes, consolidate 16, shorten 4</li> <li>20% frequency reduction system-wide non-essential routes</li> <li>5% frequency reduction system-wide essential routes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Service after midnight</li> <li>6 Bus Routes (43, 131, 136, 230, 714, 716)</li> <li>Suburban subsidies to 5 communities</li> </ul>
<b>Rapid Transit</b>	24%	28%	46%	75-80% (est.)	70%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No changes to hours of operation or footprint</li> <li>20% frequency reduction to Green, Orange, and Red Line</li> <li>Up to 5% reduction to Blue Line</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Service after midnight</li> <li>Continue 95% of Blue Line service</li> <li>E Line to Heath Street</li> </ul>
<b>Commuter Rail</b>	13%	16%	29%	70% (est.)	65%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain partial weekend service Worcester, Providence, Newburyport/Rockport, Middleboro and Fairmount; suspend on low ridership lines</li> <li>End weekday service at 9 PM</li> <li>Reduce peak and weekday service</li> <li>Close 5 stations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to serve Cedar Park stop</li> <li>Partial weekend service on high ridership and transit critical lines</li> </ul>
<b>Ferry</b>	12%	16%	29%	>0%, exact service TBD	0%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suspend Charlestown and Hingham direct service</li> <li>Reduce weekday Hingham/Hull ferry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain partial Hingham/Hull weekday service</li> </ul>
<b>The RIDE</b>	38%	40%	46%	No changes	No change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adjust scheduling window from 30 to 40 minutes</li> <li>Adjust ADA to Premium based on fixed route changes</li> <li>Adjust hours of operation of Premium service to match Commuter Rail span</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changes only reflect changes made to other modes</li> </ul>

# Implementation timeline

Mode	Take effect January (decision in December)	Take effect March / April (decision in December)	Takes effect June / July (decision in early March)	Takes effect later (pending ridership)
<b>Bus</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frequency adjustments</li> <li>Suspend 9 routes (1 delay until GLX)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any changes that are not completed in March/April</li> <li>Potential other adjustments pending social distancing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement consolidated or suspended Somerville bus routes once College Ave. Branch of GLX opens</li> </ul>
<b>Rapid Transit</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce peak and off-peak service on Red, Orange, Green lines</li> <li>Minor modifications to Blue Line service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential further frequency adjustments pending social distancing</li> <li>Review Blue Line</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional Green Line frequency changes with opening of GLX</li> </ul>
<b>Commuter Rail</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduced Winter schedules (incl. reduced weekend service), planning add'l service to Lynn, Brockton, and Fairmount</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revised schedules, including stopping service at 9 PM</li> </ul>		
<b>Ferry</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suspend Charlestown and Hingham direct services</li> <li>Reduce Hingham/Hull service</li> </ul>			
<b>The RIDE</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scheduling window change</li> <li>ADA coverage area impacted by fixed route changes</li> <li>Hours of operation for Premium Service</li> </ul>		

Note: Bus, Commuter Rail and Rapid Transit implementation timelines accelerated in response to public feedback and internal operating changes

# Cambridge bus changes: Spring 2021 (3/14/2021)

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- 1 – Peak & evening service reductions, midday increases due to crowding. Peaks every 7-8 mins → 8-10, evenings 8-13 mins → 12-16, some 20s after 11pm
- 47 – Short trips to Longwood removed; shorter cycle times in peaks. 13-17 mins → 15-18 mins
- 67 – Service span reduced to peak hours only (6-10a, 2p-7p) and 45-60 minute headways
- 68 – Service suspended; please divert to walking/Red Line/64/69/83
- 70 – Weekday reductions (mostly peaks), midday additions; some headways change from 10-13 to 12-17 minutes
- 71 – Reductions weekdays; peak 8/9 → 10/12, and off-peak 14 → 15-16; Sat: 14 → 17; Sun: 17 → 20
- 73 – Reduction weekday; peak 5-9 → 10-13 and off-peak 12-13 → 15; Sat
- 77 – Reduction weekday/Saturday/Sunday
- 79 – Service suspended; please divert to 77/Red Line
- 85 – Service suspended 10am-1:30pm; please divert to 86/87/91 & Red Line



# Cambridge—Pending bus changes (Summer?)

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64 – peak reductions and new run times; 20-25 → 25-30

74 – reductions all day. Peaks 30→45, off-peak 25-35→40-45

75 – reductions all day. Peaks 30→45, off-peak 25-35→40-45

62/76 – existing combination remains

