

WRTA Issues Legal Notice for Public Hearings in February

The WRTA will conduct Public Hearings in several communities regarding proposed service recommendations for the WRTA fixed-route service. These hearings are for the public to provide testimony on the proposed changes. Hearings for the initial recommendations will be held at the following locations and times:

- Brookfield** February 10th, 7pm, Brookfield Town Hall, Banquet Room, 6 Central Street.
- Clinton** February 7th, 6pm, Clinton Town Hall, Chamber Room, 242 Church Street.
- Leicester** February 16th, 6pm, Leicester Senior Housing Complex, The Meeting Room, 1075 Main St.
- Millbury** February 15th, 7pm, Millbury Senior Center, 1 River St.
- Worcester** February 9th, 2 p.m. & 6 p.m., Worcester Public Library, Saxe Room, 3 Salem Sq.

The changes are listed below. If any changes are approved by the WRTA Advisory Board, the earliest implementation would be phased in beginning August 2005.

Weekday Service - Proposed Routing and Frequency Changes

Route #/Name	Proposed Change
2 Pleasant St	All service to terminate at Tatnuck Sq. Institute 30 minute peak and 60 minute off-peak service. (See Route 6S for coverage of the portion eliminated) Route 2 and 5E may be interlined with Route 11 to provide service to the Worcester Senior Center.
4 Millbury City Line	Extend terminus to Park and Ride at Exit 10A off the MassPike.
5E Grafton St	All service to terminate at Southwest Commons, via Sunderland Rd.
5W June/Mill	If changes to Routes 2 and 6S are implemented, then 5W to extend service and terminate at Mill Pond Apts.
6S Chandler	Extend service to cover route 2 modification, new terminus is previous Route 2 terminus.
12 Plantation / Lakeview	To operate from downtown via the Intermodal Transportation Center/Shrewsbury St. to Belmont St., operating north on Plantation St. (with service into and out of UMASS) via the current 24E to George Booth apartments. Service for Plantation St to be covered by Route 15 modifications. Service for Eastview Apts to be covered by new Route 18 routing. Provide 30 minute peak, and 60 minute off-peak service.
15 Shrewsbury	Route 15 to operate along Grafton St. and Plantation St., instead of Shrewsbury St. It will continue to service UMASS, and then on into Shrewsbury. This change accompanies modifications to Routes 12 and 24E.
17 Clinton	Elimination of route.
18 Hamilton Street	Extend route north on Coburn Ave. from current terminus and terminate at Eastview Apts., currently served by Route 12. Service to alternate between Eastview Apts. & Lincoln Tower Apts during off peak hours.
19S Goddard Dr/Leicester	All trips to operate along Goddard Memorial Dr. Trips to Leicester Center eliminated. Leicester service to be provided by Route 33.
24E Belmont St/Lake Ave	Route 24E to be shortened to operate between downtown Worcester and UMASS to provide direct connections. Northern portions of Plantation Street to be covered by modifications to Route 12.

24W Washington Heights	Terminate all trips at Washington Heights.
33 Brookfield	Route to terminate at Big Y in Spencer. Service to East Brookfield and Brookfield eliminated. Increase service as to provide 90 minute service frequency throughout the day in order to provide service to Leicester and Spencer.
40 Loop	Operate only the Northeast portion of the route between downtown Worcester and Seabury Heights Apts, via Green Hill Tower Apts. Provide alternate terminus at new Worcester Vocational School on Skyline Dr., off Belmont St. Provide 30 minute peak and 60 minute off-peak service. Change results in 15 minute peak-hour service along Belmont St. Service may interline with Route 1, which provides service to Worc. Senior Center.

Saturday Service – Proposed Routing and Frequency Changes

Route #/Name	Proposed Change
2 Pleasant St	All service to terminate at Tatnuck Sq. (See Route 6S for coverage of the portion eliminated)
4 Millbury City Line	Extend terminus to Park and Ride at Exit 10A off the MassPike.
5E Grafton St	All service to terminate at Southwest Commons, via Sunderland Road.
6S Chandler	Extend service to cover route 2 modification, new terminus is previous Route 2 terminus.
12 Plantation / Lakeview	To operate from downtown via the Intermodal Transportation Center/Shrewsbury St. to Belmont St., operating north on Plantation St. (with service into and out of UMASS) via the current 24E to George Booth apartments. Service for Plantation St to be covered by Route 15 modifications. Service for Eastview Apts to be covered by new Route 18 routing.
15 Shrewsbury	Route 15 to operate along Grafton St. and Plantation St., instead of Shrewsbury St. It will continue to service UMASS, and then on into Shrewsbury. This change accompanies modifications to Routes 12 and 24E.
18 Hamilton Street	Extend route north on Coburn Ave from its current terminus and terminate at Eastview Apts., currently served by Route 12.
19S Goddard Dr/Leicester	All trips to operate along Goddard Memorial Dr. Trips to Leicester Center eliminated.
24E Belmont St/Lake Ave	Route 24E to be shortened to operate between downtown Worcester and UMASS to provide direct connections. Northern portions of Plantation Street to be covered by modifications to Route 12.
24W Washington Heights	Terminate all trips at Washington Heights.
40 Loop	Operate only the Northeast portion of the route between downtown Worcester and Seabury Heights Apts., via Green Hill Tower Apts. Alternate terminus at new vocational school on Skyline Dr., off Belmont St.

Sunday Service – Proposed Routing and Frequency Changes

Route #/Name	Proposed Change
2 Pleasant St	Terminate all trips at Tatnuck Square.
4 Millbury City Line	Extend terminus to Park and Ride at Exit 10A off the MassPike.
5E Grafton St	All service to terminate at Southwest Commons, via Sunderland Road.
19S Goddard Dr/Leicester	All trips to operate along Goddard Memorial Dr. Trips to Leicester Center eliminated.
24E Belmont St/Lake Ave	Route 24E to be shortened to operate between downtown Worcester and UMASS to provide direct connections. Northern portions of Plantation Street to be covered by modifications to Route 12.
24W Washington Heights	Terminate all trips at Washington Heights.

New Shuttle Service

Shoppes at Blackstone	WRTA will be seeking funding for a new shuttle to be implemented connecting the Shoppes at Blackstone
Valley Shuttle	Valley to the Park and Ride location where service would connect with Route 4.
Demand Response	If local funding is available, the WRTA would provide Demand Response Feeder service. Feeder Service for Brookfield, Clinton, East Brookfield and Boylston.

The **WRTA** will provide required ADA complementary paratransit service within $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile surrounding fixed route bus service.