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Public Comments Wanted on Proposed Changes in Northwest Cuyahoga County

Over the past few years, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority has been systematically looking at travel corridors within Cuyahoga County. In this process, RTA staff reviews the existing services in each corridor, and then develops service change proposals for the corridor that are designed to better meet the current travel needs of residents and businesses. After a thorough public

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involvement process, new and or modified bus services are implemented in the corridor.

RTA is currently in the midst of studying its existing services in the northwest part of Cuyahoga County. The agency is now ready to seek public comments on its preliminary proposals for service changes. The proposals are designed to help commuters take advantage of high-speed transportation facilities such as the Red Line and I-90. This

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will save time for some customers and make the route system more sustainable in the long run by improving its cost-effectiveness.

Following is a brief description of the service changes proposed for the northwest part of Cuyahoga County.

#31X Avon Lake

- Restructure route into an extension of selected trips on the #246 Westlake Park-N-Ride route. These #246 trips are to serve the portion of the current #31X route west of Columbia Rd.

#46F Westlake

- Modify route to operate to/from downtown via I-90 rather than Clifton Blvd.

#53 Great Northern Center Ridge

- Restructure route into a Community Circulator Route operating between the Westgate Transit Center and Crocker Park via Great Northern Mall. The proposed route alignment closely follows the routing developed by City of North Olmsted employees.

#55X, #55CX, #55NX, #55SX

- Restructure Clifton Blvd. service to a single route (to be called the #55X Clifton) operating between the Westgate Transit Center and downtown via Wagar, Detroit, Sloane, W. Clifton, Clifton, and the West Shoreway. Some weekday trips will continue to operate via Nicholson, Cove, and Edgewater.
- Service to Bay Village and Rocky River (currently provided by the #55CX) is to be provided by the proposed Bay Village-Rocky River route (see below).
- Service on Center Ridge (currently provided by the #55SX) is to be provided by the proposed Center Ridge route (see below).
- The existing peak period #55SX trips on Hilliard, east of Columbia, are proposed to be discontinued.

New Bay Village-Rocky River Route

- New weekday route operating between Crocker Park and the Triskett Rapid Transit Station via Bassett, Osborn, Wolf, Lake, Wooster, and I-90.
- During high-ridership time periods, the new route will operate to/from downtown via I-90. Alternatively, trips to/from downtown may operate via Clifton and the West Shoreway.
- This route will also serve the Westlake Park-N-Ride lot in the midday period.

New Center Ridge Route

- New 7-day route operating between St. John West Shore Hospital and the Triskett Rapid Transit Station via Center Ridge, Wooster, and I-90.
- During high-ridership time periods, the new route will operate to/from downtown via I-90.

On the following streets, all service is proposed to be discontinued:

- Columbia Road between Brookpark Road and Center Ridge Road
- Wagar Road between Detroit Road and Lake Road
- Lakeview Road between Hilliard Blvd. and Detroit Road
- Clifton Blvd. between Lake Road and W. Clifton Blvd.
- Lake Road between Columbia Road and Clague Road (currently limited service)
- Bradley Road between Wolf Road and Lake Road (currently limited service)
- Wolf Road between Bradley Road and Bassett Road (currently limited service)
- Hilliard Blvd. between Columbia Road and Clague Road; and between River Oaks Drive and Wagar Road (currently limited service)

Weekend service is proposed to be discontinued on Lake Road between Wagar Road and the Clifton Blvd. bridge.

RTA has scheduled community meetings in the study area and a formal public hearing downtown. The Authority will also post the proposals at www.rideRTA.com and will accept written comments by email and regular mail. Written comments received by 5 p.m. June 1, 2005 will be included as part of the official record for consideration. Mail your comments to RTA Marketing and Communications Dept., 1240 West 6th Street, Cleveland, OH 44113; or email to nwcorridor@gcrta.org.

Community Meetings

- Tuesday, May 3rd, 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM, Westgate Transit Center in Fairview Park. This site is served by bus routes #22, #25, #46, #53, #55NX, #55SX, #326, #808.
- Wednesday, May 4th, 7:00 PM, Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road, Westlake. This site is served by route #55SX.
- Wednesday May 11th, 7:00 PM, North Olmsted Branch, Cuyahoga County Public Library, 27403 Lorain Road, North Olmsted. This site is served by route #75X.
- Thursday, May 12th, 7:00 PM, Bay Village Branch, Cuyahoga County Public Library, 502 Cahoon Road, Bay Village.

Public Hearing

- Wednesday, May 18th, 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM, RTA Main Office Board Room, 1240 W. 6th Street, Cleveland. The main office is served by route #147.

If you would like to have more detailed information about these proposals mailed to you, please call (216) 781-4299.



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