

Many service changes take effect on Sunday, Aug. 28

New timetables will go into effect for a number of other bus routes on Aug. 28.

Timetables for these routes reflect minor schedule adjustments and/or map updates: #4, #7/7X, #9/9X, #10, #20A, #22, #25B/W, #30, #32/32X, #35, #38, #40, #45Y/R, #46, #48/48A, #70, #75X, #76X, #79A/B, #81, #86, #94, #247, #326, #804 and #808.

New timetables are also being issued for the #14, #15/#15A, #15F, #19, #33 and #147, to incorporate minor route changes that are already in effect. The timetables for these routes may also contain minor schedule adjustments.

The end of summer also brings the end of two seasonal RTA bus routes.

The #20C, which operates between Public Square and the Metroparks Zoo, runs through Aug. 27.

The #441, which operates from the end of the Blue Line in Shaker Heights to the entrance of Geauga Lake Park in Aurora, runs through Sept. 5.

New timetables ready soon

RTA bus and rail routes change four times a year. The changes outlined in this issue take effect on Sunday, Aug. 28. New timetables are now being printed and will be posted as soon as possible on www.rideRTA.com

New timetables will be available at:

- RTA's Main Office, 1240 W. Sixth St.
- Customer Service Center at Tower City

To receive a new timetable by mail, please call the RTAAnswerline, 216-621-9500.

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Three routes merge to form new #55X

The #55CX, #55NX and #55SX will be restructured to form the #55X Clifton, (described below) and the #55F West Shore Flyer (see inside).

The 55X will operate between the Westgate Transit Center and downtown via Wagar Road, Detroit Road, Sloane Ave., W. Clifton Blvd., Clifton Blvd. and the West Shoreway. Some weekday trips will continue to operate via Nicholson Ave., Cove Ave. and Edgewater Dr.

Current #55CX service to Bay Village and Rocky River will be provided by the #55F West Shore Flyer during peak periods, and by the new #43 Lake-Wolf route during other times.

Because Clifton Blvd. is a heavily used transit corridor, RTA officials want to assure that there is first-class service.

"In peak hours, there should be a bus on Clifton Blvd. every five minutes," says RTA CEO & General Manager Joe Calabrese.

Current #55SX service on Center Ridge Road will be provided by the new #49/49F Center Ridge route.



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SPECIAL EDITION

New Circulator route starts

RTA's 12th Community Circulator route, the #822, debuts on Aug. 28.

The new Southwest Community Circulator replaces the current #53 Great Northern-Center Ridge route, and was recommended by former staff members of the North Olmsted Municipal Bus Line (NOMBL).

Service will operate from the Westgate Transit Center via Great Northern Mall to Westlake's Crocker Park, where a new prototype bus shelter has been erected near Blake's Seafood Restaurant.

Service will be hourly in both directions, six days a week, from 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Fare is 75 cents.

The route: Westgate Transit Center to Center Ridge Road, W. 210th St., Lorain Road, W. 220th St., Mastick Road, Clague Road, Brookpark Road, Columbia Road., Country Club Blvd., Lorain Road, Dover Center Road, Center Ridge Road to St. John West Shore Hospital, and Crocker Road to Crocker Park.

Two new routes begin

On Aug. 28, RTA introduces two new routes that should greatly enhance service to customers living in the Northwest suburbs.

The **#43 Lake-Wolf** route will operate on weekdays between the Triskett Rapid Station and Bay Village. The route will operate via Lakewood Heights Blvd., I-90, Riverside Dr., W. Clifton Blvd., Clifton Blvd., Lake Road, Clague Road and Wolf Road. The #43 will provide weekday service to Bay Village and Rocky River during times the #55F West Shore Flyer is not operating.

The **#49/49F Center Ridge** route replaces the #55SX on Center Ridge Road, and offers a similar level of service.

The **#49** will operate seven days a week between St. John West Shore Hospital and the Triskett Rapid Station, via Center Ridge Road, Wooster Road and I-90.

The **#49F** will operate during rush hours (AM eastbound, PM westbound) between the hospital and downtown via I-90.

THIS 55 CAN FLY

RTA introduces new flyer, #55F

After Aug. 28, customers seeking fast service to downtown will have a new option – RTA's #55F West Shore Flyer service.

The #55F will provide rush-hour service in the peak direction from Avon Lake, Bay Village and Westlake. It replaces service currently provided by the #31X Avon Lake (west of Bradley Road), #46F Westlake and #55CX Clifton-Lake.

As a "flyer" bus, the #55F will make limited stops on Clifton Blvd. in Lakewood and Cleveland. It will stop to pick-up and drop-off customers at:

- W. Clifton Blvd.
- Belle Ave.
- Nicholson Ave.
- Cove Ave.
- W. 117th St.
- W. 110th St.
- West Blvd.

RTA will work to transition this premium service into a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) zone, with features similar to the Euclid Corridor Silver Line now under construction.

No service, new service

After Aug. 28, there will be no bus service on some segments of streets currently served:

- 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
- Lake Road, between Cahoon Road and Clague Road.
- Hilliard Blvd., between Columbia Road and Clague Road, and between River Oaks Dr. and Wagar Road.

Weekend service will be discontinued on Lake Road, between Wagar Road and W. Clifton Blvd.

These streets now have little or no service. Starting Aug. 29, they will have service six days a week.

- Crocker Road, between Health Campus Dr. and Crocker Park.
- Dover Center Road, between Lorain Road and Center Ridge Road.