

Rider's Digest



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RTA Rolling With The Rock Hall Music Fest, June 9-11

Attention music lovers! You won't need a car to attend the Music Fest events organized by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum on June 9 - 11, 2005. And, even if you use a car at the beginning and end of your day, you won't need it to travel between music venues, because RTA will provide special-event bus service. All of RTA's special-event bus services are open to everyone, including people who are not attending events.

All the special-event bus service to and from Music Fest events will connect with the RTA regular service network at the Waterfront Line's South Harbor-Municipal Parking Lot Station. Since the Waterfront Line stops running shortly after midnight, all the after-midnight special-event bus trips will stop at Public Square to connect with all-night regular bus routes.

Here's the special-event service plan:

From 11:30 a.m. until 6 p.m., frequent RTA bus

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service will link the Waterfront Line station at Munny Lot with the Rock Hall and the Music Fest's Festival Village (near the Powerhouse on the West Bank of the Flats).

From 6 p.m. until 11:30 p.m., frequent bus service will link the Waterfront Line station at Munny Lot with the Rock Hall (until it closes) and six performance venues: Odeon (1295 Old River Rd.), House of Blues (308 Euclid Ave.), Peabody's (2083 East 21st St.), Agora (5000 Euclid Ave.), Grog Shop (2785 Euclid Hts. Blvd.-bus stop on Coventry), and Beachland (15711 Waterloo Rd.).

Starting at midnight and continuing until after the performances have concluded, frequent bus service will take you from those six performance venues to: Public Square (RTA's late-night bus service hub), Munny Lot (in case you parked there), and these downtown hotels-Marriott (127 Public Sq.), Hilton Garden Inn (1100 Carnegie Ave.), Residence Inn (527 Prospect Ave.), Hyatt (420 Superior Ave.), Embassy Suites (1701 East 12th St.), and Holiday Inn Lakeside (1111 Lakeside Ave.)

Temporary bus stop signs will be posted at all special-event pick-up points. Please stand at a bus stop sign that lists your desired destination, and board the bus marked Music Fest Bus.

Fares:

On the special-event services, a special cash-only fare of \$1.00 will be charged each time you board a bus. Thanks to a subsidy RTA is receiving from the Ohio Lottery Commission and the Rock Hall, a non-winning Ohio Lottery ticket can be paid in lieu of the fare, and anyone with a Music Fest VIP or All-Access badge can ride without paying a fare. On

New Bus Timetables Reflecting Changes Will Be in Effect June 5

Some Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA) bus service changes go into effect on Sunday, June 5. New timetables are now available.

The new timetables include **#20C** — special RTA seasonal service from Public Square to the Metroparks Zoo — and **#441**, which connects the rail system to Geauga Lake. The Zoo service continues through Aug. 27. The Geauga Lake route continues through Labor Day, with service two hours before the park opens until two hours after the park closes.

New timetables are available at RTA's Main Office, 1240 W. Sixth St., and the Customer Service Center at Tower City. To receive a new timetable by mail, call the RTAanswerline, 216-621-9500. New timetables are available on-line at www.rideRTA.com.

Three other changes are significant:

#35 will use the Detroit-Superior Bridge. This changes will add more service to W. 25th St. Corridor.

#81 will use the Lorain-Carnegie Bridge. This will provide more neighborhood access and more reliable travel times.

#30, expanded Saturday and Sunday service hours.

New timetables are also available for:

#20A, #22, #41, #45Y/R, #46/46F, #68, #75X, #76X/F, #90F, #94, #135, #145Y/R, #263, #326, #802, #806.

Busy Year Set for Euclid Corridor Transportation Project

RTA officials have been gearing up for a busy year of construction and related activity in the \$200 million Euclid Corridor Transportation Project.

Some work was done last fall, soon after the Oct. 19 groundbreaking and signing of the Full Funding Grant Agreement. However, the bulk of the work will be done this summer, and in 2006 and 2007. RTA's new Silver Line should be fully operational in 2008.

This year, construction work started on March 28. Temporary traffic signals and signage will be installed

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regular RTA services, everyone must pay with regular fares or RTA passes.

During the week of June 6, visit our web site www.rideRTA.com or call us at 216-621-9500 to check whether any aspects of the service plan have changed.

along portions of Superior and Chester Avenue.

Two-lane traffic will be maintained, with half the street closed during the installation.

The following streets will be impacted during the installation:

- North side of Superior Ave., from W. Third St. to E. Ninth St.

- North side of Chester Ave., from E. 12th to E. 17th St.

"This is an exciting time for all of us," says RTA CEO & General Manager Joe Calabrese. "The community support for this Project has been very gratifying, and we look for that to continue. Our challenge now is two-fold: 1). Finish this Project on time and under budget, and 2). Work closely with merchants and stakeholders to minimize disruptions that may be caused by construction."

RTA Ridership is Largest April Total in Six Years

RTA's latest total monthly system ridership was up 5.3 percent in April, or approximately 244,300 rides. It represents the largest April ridership total since 1999!

Year-to-date total system ridership through April was up 5.0 percent, or about 900,000 rides.

For the last six consecutive months, system ridership has increased compared to the same month during the previous year. Highlights of the transit agency's April ridership this year follow:

- Bus ridership grew by 5.0 percent, or approximately 198,500 rides. For the first four months, ridership was up 4.3 percent, or about 667,000 rides.

- Rapid Transit ridership improved by 5.8 percent, or about 36,800 rides. Year-to-date through April, 191,500 additional trips were taken on the Rapid Transit representing an increase of 7.9 percent.

- Community Circulator ridership increased 9.5 percent, and increased 10.6 percent year-to-date. This marked the largest April ridership since the beginning of the circulators, and the eleventh consecutive month showing a ridership increase on the popular neighborhood service. Ridership increased on the Lee-Harvard, Lakewood, St. Clair Five Points, Slavic Village, Kamm's-Puritas, Tremont and Euclid Community Circulators when compared to April last year.

Proposed Changes in NW Cuyahoga County Spur Public Comments

RTA is currently in the midst of studying its existing services in the northwest part of Cuyahoga County. The agency has been seeking public comments on its preliminary proposals for service changes at a series of community meetings and a public hearing during the month of May.

The Authority has also posted the proposals at www.rideRTA.com and has been accepting written comments by e-mail and regular mail.

Written comments received by 5 p.m. June 6, 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 e-mail to nwcorridor@gcrta.org.

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

The proposals are designed to help commuters take advantage of high-speed transportation facilities such as the Red Line and I-90. This will save time for some customers and make the route system more sustainable in the long run by improving its cost effectiveness.

Thanks For Watching Our Back

We thank you for being one of 200,000 "security personnel" who take to the streets on RTA every day.

Riders are an important part of our security team. Please keep our community safe by immediately reporting unattended packages or suspicious behavior to RTA personnel or by calling the Transit Police at 216-566-5163.



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