

» Route and Schedule Adjustments:

As part of our ongoing *Five Year Strategic Operations Plan* and new *Service Standards* adopted in 2009/10 to reflect the changing market and demand for transit, a number of adjustments continue to be made to optimize and re-organize the transit service.

Approximately 43,460 service hours have been added in the 2010/11 fiscal year. Most of the service expansion occurred this past August 2010 at the beginning of the fall season. It was the largest service increase for Metro Transit in many years. However, a number of routes have been identified which no longer meet our Service Standards and therefore, must be adjusted. Many of these improvements are being made in November 2010.

Our long term route and schedule changes are planned to meet the needs of the majority of the travelling public in accordance with the HRM Regional Municipal Planning Strategy. They are approved at Regional Council in an Annual Service Plan. Positive changes for November include improvements to connections on routes # 1 Spring Garden, # 65 Caldwell and # 80 Sackville.

Weekday Service Adjustments

Route #1 Spring Garden

- » 610a trip from Bridge Terminal to depart at 612a

Route #3 Manors

- » Schedule changes

Route #33 Tantallon Express

- » 12p trip from Lacewood Terminal discontinued

Route #51 Shannon

- » 1025p, 1125p & 1225x trips from Bridge Terminal discontinued

Route #53 Notting Park

- » 1100p & 1155p trips from Bridge Terminal discontinued

Route #65 Caldwell

- » am departure times from Portland Hills Terminal - trips from 543a to 843a will now depart at :35 & :05

Route #80 Sackville

- » 635a trip from Upper Water St. to depart at 642a to improve connections

Route #82 Millwood

- » 1010p & 1110p trips from Cobequid Terminal discontinued
- » 1029p trip from Sackville Terminal discontinued

Route #83 Springfield

- » 955p trip from Sackville Terminal discontinued

Route #87 Downsview

- » am & pm peak service between Bridge Terminal and Halifax discontinued
- » 635a, 700a & 722a trips from Sackville Terminal will terminate at Bridge Terminal
- » 353p & 423p trips from Summer St will begin at Bridge Terminal at 413p & 443p

Route #88 Duke

- » Schedule changes to overall timetable
- » Service between Sackville & Cobequid Terminals discontinued
- » Direct service from Cobequid Terminal to Bedford Commons
- » Last trip from Cobequid Terminal at 1036p
- » Last trip from Bedford Commons at 1045p

Route #89 Bedford

- » Schedule changes during off peak
- » Off-peak service now 120-minute frequency

Route #159 Portland Hills Link

- » Off peak service now 60-minute frequency, beginning at 930a until 230p from Portland Hills Terminal, and 1000a to 200p from Barrington/Duke
- » Last trip from Portland Hills Terminal at 700p and last trip from Barrington/Duke at 700p

Route #185 Sackville Link

- » Off peak service now 60-minute frequency, beginning 930a to 230p from Sackville Terminal, and 1000a to 200p from Barrington/Duke
- » Evening service now 60-minute frequency, beginning at 630p from Sackville Terminal and 600p from Barrington/Duke
- » Last trip from Sackville Terminal at 930p and last trip from Barrington/Duke at 1000p

Saturday Service Adjustments

Route #51 Shannon

- » 1025p & 1125p trips from Bridge Terminal discontinued
- » Last trip to depart at 1155p from Bridge Terminal

Route #53 Notting Park

- » 1055p trip from Bridge Terminal discontinued
- » Last trip to depart at 1125p from Bridge Terminal

Route #82 Millwood

- » Schedule changes to overall timetable
- » 1035p trip from Sackville Terminal to Cobequid Terminal discontinued

Route #88 Duke

- » Discontinuation of service between Sackville Terminal & Cobequid Terminal
- » Direct service from Cobequid Terminal to Bedford Commons

Effective November 22, 2010

Sunday Service Adjustments

Route #51 Shannon

- » 1215x trip from Bridge Terminal discontinued

Route #82 Millwood

- » Schedule changes to overall timetable

Route #88 Duke

- » Schedule changes during off peak
 - » Service between Sackville & Cobequid Terminals discontinued
 - » Direct service from Cobequid Terminal to Bedford Commons
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» 20th Annual Stuff-A-Bus Food Drive Campaign

Metro Transit and ATU Local 508 are celebrating the 20th year of supporting Feed Nova Scotia through their Christmas food drive campaign.

Over 70 HRM daycares, schools, and businesses participate in the Stuff-A-Bus Food Drive.

An astonishing 100,000 kg's of food and \$30,000 in monetary donations have been raised since its launch two decades ago.

In its 20th year, let us make it the best ever! The campaign will take place Friday, December 3rd, beginning at the C100 studio on Agricola Street.

www.feednovascotia.ca

» Christmas Tree Lighting Celebrations

- » The HRM Christmas Tree Lighting will be held at Grand Parade, Saturday, Nov. 27th from 5 pm to 7:30 pm.

Effective November 22, 2010

- » The Dartmouth Christmas Tree Lighting will be held Sat., Dec. 4th, from 4 pm to 6:15 pm at Sullivan's Pond, Dartmouth.
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» Holiday Parade of Lights

On Saturday, November 20th at 6 pm, the 15th Annual Holiday Parade of Lights will be winding its way through Downtown Halifax once again with festive floats, twinkling lights and smiling spectators.

This annual parade attracts nearly 90,000 people, so residents are encouraged to use Metro Transit's buses and ferries, as parking will be limited, with traffic delays throughout the evening.

Additional bus and ferry services will be available after the parade.

For information, visit www.downtownhalifax.ns.ca

» Free New Year's Eve Service

Metro Transit is pleased to once again be your designated driver on New Year's Eve, providing free, extended service on conventional bus service, Access-A-Buses and ferries.

Beginning at 8:30 pm, Metro Transit will provide extended service to take you to and from your New Year's Eve event, including the special BT New Year's Eve event at Grand Parade!

So get on board with Metro Transit and ring in 2011 with this convenient, safe and free ride to and from downtown!

For details, visit our website or special edition New Year's Eve GoTimes out in December.



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Metro Transit 2009 Stuff-A-Bus Food Drive Campaign daycare participants with Santa

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