



Public hearings scheduled for August 25, 26, 27 and 28 *Proposed Biannual System Changes to be discussed*

NASHVILLE – The Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) will hold five public hearings later this month regarding proposed system changes this fall in preparation for the move into Music City Central, the new downtown transit station.

The biannual changes will improve efficiencies on several MTA bus routes.

Potential improvements include increasing the level of service on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. More night and weekend service for route 10 Charlotte, and increasing service and providing a connection to Skyline Medical Center on route 23 Dickerson Road will be discussed at the hearing as well as providing more morning and afternoon service on route 24X Bellevue Express.

MTA officials routinely examine ways to most efficiently serve the community with its limited resources as they plan for biannual system changes.

“We have looked at several routes, which are experiencing significant increases in ridership compared with certain trips on those that have fewer riders,” MTA CEO Paul J. Ballard said. “We are proposing to shift some resources; however, it’s important to note that no route eliminations are being proposed.”

MTA is considering altering some trips on the following routes: 4 Shelby, 6 Lebanon Road, 8 8th Avenue South, 14 Whites Creek, 19 Herman, 20 Scott, 25 Midtown, 28 Meridian, 29 Jefferson, 30 McFerrin, 34X Opry Mills Express, 41 Golden Valley, 42 St. Cecilia/Cumberland and 44 MTA Shuttle. There also may be some changes on late-night trips on weekdays, Saturday and Sundays on select routes.

Listed below are the times and locations for the public hearings:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
E.S. Rose Community Center 1000 Edgehill Avenue	Monday August 25	6 p.m.
East Branch Library 206 Gallatin Road	Tuesday August 26	6 p.m.
Downtown Library 615 Church Street	Wednesday August 27	Noon & 5:30 p.m.
Looby Library 2301 Rosa L. Parks Boulevard	Thursday August 28	6 p.m.

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For more details on the proposed changes, please pick up flyers at the Information Booth on the Transit Mall or on the buses or go online to www.nashvillemta.org. Individuals do not have to attend the hearings in order to offer comments. They also may fax comments to (615) 862-6208 or e-mail comments to mta.publichearings@nashville.gov through Sept. 12, 2008.

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