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MTA Board approves plans for new downtown circulator, other service improvements

NASHVILLE – The Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) Board of Directors today approved plans to implement two new routes during its upcoming biannual system changes in March.

A downtown circulator service, which is designed to help MTA customers, residents, visitors and tourists in downtown Nashville reach their destinations more quickly, will operate Monday through Saturday from early morning until late evening. Buses will travel two different downtown routes: one running north/south to the Farmers’ Market and one running east/west into the Gulch, a LEED certified community.

The free service is designed to serve commuters trying to get to work as well as tourists and other downtown visitors needing to travel between sports venues, the convention center, downtown hotels and other attractions.

Below is a frequency chart for the downtown circulator, which begins on March 29.

Weekdays

Downtown/Gulch Route	6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.	11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	2 p.m. to midnight
Service Frequency	Every 30 minutes; timed to connect with the Music City Star	Every 10 minutes	Every 15 minutes

Downtown/Farmer’s Market Route	6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.	11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Service Frequency	Every 30 minutes; timed to connect with the Music City Star	Every 10 minutes	Every 15 minutes

Saturdays

Downtown/Gulch Route	11 a.m. to midnight	Downtown/Farmer’s Market Route	11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Service Frequency	Every 15 minutes	Service Frequency	Every 15 minutes

Also, a new route to 100 Oaks via the Vine Hill community will begin. This route will reinstate some service to Vine Hill Towers, Adventure Science Center and Vanderbilt Health One Hundred Oaks. Buses will operate every 50 to 60 minutes during peak times in the morning and in the afternoon.

In addition, service improvements are being made on the following routes:

- 3 West End – additional evening trips;
- 7 Hillsboro – extending evening service;
- 20 Scott – extending route to connect to Gallatin Road BRT stop;
- 33X Hickory Hollow Mall/Old Hickory Express – adding park-n-ride at Walmart and extending route to Lenox Village); and
- 37X Tusculum/McMurray Express – adding park-n-ride at Hickory Plaza and adding one a.m. and one p.m. trip.

MTA's planning staff held two public hearings earlier this month regarding the service improvements.

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