



# Notice of Public Hearing Workshops for Proposed DART Bus Route & Schedule Changes to become effective Sunday, December 17, 2017

**Monday, September 18, 2017 – 4 PM - 6 PM**

Dover Police Station  
400 South Queen St., Dover 19904

**Tuesday, September 19, 2017 – 1 PM to 3 PM**

Georgetown Library  
123 West Pine St., Georgetown 19947

**Wednesday, September 20, 2017 - 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM and 4 PM to 6 PM**

Wilmington Public Library, The Commons - 10 East 10<sup>th</sup> St., Wilmington 19801

The workshops will begin with the first segment as an open house, allowing attendees to view proposal boards, interact with staff, ask questions and receive clarification. The second segment will begin with a presentation of the proposed service changes, followed by public testimony for those interested in providing comments to the audience, and to the hearing reporter. Attendees will have the opportunity to provide comments privately to the hearing reporter during the open house, as well as following public testimony.

**New Castle County** – In efforts to improve operational efficiencies, reduce congestion and improve traffic flow, changes would be made to Downtown Wilmington bus stops and route boarding locations. Schedule times would be adjusted on most routes to improve on-time performance and connections. Please view proposal or [www.DartFirstState.com](http://www.DartFirstState.com) for maps and specific schedules.

### **Proposed Route Combinations:**

**Routes 1 & 22 would be combined as NEW Route 13** – Operating between Tri-State Mall and Wilton through Downtown Wilmington via Philadelphia Pk., Market St., and DuPont Hwy. Service to Claymont Train Station, Bellevue Corporate Center, and Bellefonte would be discontinued. Service between Wilmington and Wilton would improve to every 30 minutes mid-day and Saturdays; and to every 60 minutes on Sundays. All trip times would change.

**Routes 4 & 24 would be combined as Route 4**: Operating between Barley Mill Plaza and Kynlyn Dr. (Edgemoor) through Downtown Wilmington via 4<sup>th</sup> St. and Governor Printz Blvd. Service along Greenhill Ave., 7th St., Woodlawn Ave. and Pennsylvania Ave. would be discontinued; however, Routes 6, 20 and new Route 52 would provide alternate service along Pennsylvania Ave. to access these areas. Service between Downtown and Edgemoor would improve to every 15 minutes during rush hour; every 30 minutes in the evening. Mid-day and Saturday service would operate every 30 minutes; Sunday service every 60 minutes. All trip times would change.

**Routes 10 & 23 would be combined as Route 10**: Operating between Rising Sun Lane (Wilmington) and Wakefield Dr. (Newark) through Downtown Wilmington via Delaware Ave., Reads Way, Airport Rd., and DE 273. Service to Centreville would operate as **new Route 52** from Amtrak Station. Evening service to Wilton would be discontinued, as new Route 13 would provide additional service to this area. Saturday service would connect the west side of Wilmington to downtown and points south. Rush hour service would operate every 30 minutes; off-peak every 60 minutes. All trip times would change.

**Routes 18 & 21 would be combined as Route 18**: Operating between Polly Drummond Shopping Center (Pike Creek) and Cedar Tree Apartments (Fouk & Naamans Rds.) through Downtown Wilmington and Amtrak Station via New Linden Hill Rd., Prices Corner, Lancaster Ave., and Fouk Rd. Rush hour service would operate every 15-20 minutes; off-peak every 90 minutes. Service along Naamans Rd. east of Cedar Tree Apartments would be discontinued. All trip times would change.



## **Proposed Changes:**

Route 2: Weekday morning rush hour service would improve to every 30 minutes.

Route 7: Service would be improved by extending to Wilmington DMV on U.S. 13 operating more frequently, every 45 minutes, and service hours would increase to 6 AM to 7 PM, 2 hours earlier and 2½ hours later.

Route 9: Most weekday departure times would be adjusted in both directions.

Route 11: All weekday trips would serve Washington St. Extension and Rockwood Office Park in both directions. Downtown routing would change to use Market St. in both directions, instead of King and Walnut Sts. Mid-day service would decrease to every 40 minutes. Weeknight service between Lea Blvd. and Arden would be discontinued. Saturday service would operate every 75 minutes, with all trips serving Arden.

Route 12: Weekday service would decrease to every 60 minutes during the mid-day and evening hours.

Route 15: Downtown routing would begin/end on King St. at 9<sup>th</sup> St., no longer serving the former Post Office stop. Service to Jefferson Farms would operate via Moores and Landers Lanes, discontinuing service along unproductive segment of Independence, Montpelier, and Constitution Blvds. Three additional weekday express trips would be added in each direction. Saturday service would increase to every 60 minutes. All trip times would change.

Route 16: The 4:40 PM trip from Newark would be discontinued, and the 5:20 and 5:40 PM trips from Wilmington would be consolidated to a 5:30 PM trip due to low ridership.

Route 20: Two AM and two PM trips to Wilmington would be added; two PM trips to Hockessin would be added. Service to Chestnut Run would be discontinued to/from Hockessin. Most trip times would change.

Route 25: Downtown routing would begin/end on King St. at 8<sup>th</sup> St., discontinuing current service north of 8<sup>th</sup> St. Trips serving Amazon would have time adjustments.

Route 28: New round trip added in AM rush hour from Amtrak Station at 7:53 AM and from AstraZeneca at 8:35 AM; Saturday time adjustments.

Route 30: Would be discontinued and replaced by improved service on Route 18 (Combined Routes 18/21).

Route 35: Would provide more direct service between Brandywine Town Center and Wilmington via Shipley Rd., discontinuing service to Concord Mall, Brandywine Commons and Dartmouth Woods. Route 2 will provide alternate service to Concord Mall and Brandywine Commons. Rush hour service would improve to every 30 minutes.

Route 38: The 4:57 PM departure from Amtrak Station would change to 5:12 PM.

Route 40: Weekday departure times to Wilmington would be adjusted.

Route 42: Downtown routing would begin/end on Orange St. at 10<sup>th</sup> St., no longer serving the Library stop on King St.

Route 44: Trip times would be coordinated with available resources, resulting in a new schedule. Service to the Target stop at Christiana Mall would be discontinued.

Route 48: Service to Chestnut Run would be discontinued, as Route 20 is a viable option.

Route 49: Would be discontinued due to very low ridership

NEW Route 52: New route would replace northern portion of Route 10 providing direct service to Centreville via Pennsylvania Ave. and Kennett Pk. Downtown routing would use Shipley St. to Amtrak Station and Orange St. to Centreville.

Route 53: Trip times would be coordinated with available resources, resulting in a new schedule.

Route 54: Route would be extended to Christiana Hospital and Fairplay Station. All trip times would change.

**Kent County** - Minor time adjustments as needed to improve on-time performance. Please view proposal for specific changes.

Route 107: Would be extended to serve the Capital Park community and DeIDOT Administration Building.

### **Intercounty**

Route 301: Southbound routing would change leaving Scarborough Park & Ride, then DeIDOT, ending at Dover Transit Center. Northbound trips would begin at Dover Transit Center. Weekday trips would be adjusted to improve on-time performance and connections at Dover Transit Center.

**Sussex County** - Service enhancements include new stops: Georgetown Probation & Parole to be served by Routes 206, 901 & 902; Perdue (Georgetown) to be served by Routes 206, 303 & 901; and Lewes Transit Center to be served by Route 206.

A summary of proposed changes and service proposals are available for public review online at [www.DartFirstState.com](http://www.DartFirstState.com) and at the Wilmington, Dover and Georgetown Libraries, and at the reception desks of DART Administrative Offices. For information in an alternative format, please call (302) 760-2827.

Comments may also be sent to: DART First State Public Hearing, 119 Lower Beech St., Wilmington, DE 19805-4440 or online at [www.DartFirstState.com/publichearing](http://www.DartFirstState.com/publichearing) by September 22, 2017.

If an accommodation such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired or a language translator is needed, please contact DTC at 1-800-652-3278, option 2, one week in advance.