

Notice of Public Hearing Workshops

Delaware Transit Corporation (DTC) is hosting three Public Hearing Workshops to gain input and comments on proposed changes to DART Statewide Bus Services to become effective Sunday, November 17, 2024.

Tuesday, August 6, 2024 -- 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Dover Public Library – Conference Room B
35 Lookerman Plaza, Dover, DE 19901

Wednesday, August 7, 2024 -- 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM

Georgetown Public Library – Meeting Room B2
123 West Pine Street, Georgetown, DE 19947

Thursday, August 8, 2024 -- 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Wilmington Library - The Commons
10 East 10th Street, Wilmington, DE 19801

Beginning July 24, 2024, a summary of proposed changes and service proposals will be available for review online at www.DartFirstState.com, at the reception desks of DART Administrative Offices in Wilmington and Dover, and the Lewes Transit Center, as well as the Wilmington, Dover and Georgetown Public Libraries. For information on an alternative format, please call (302) 760-2827. In addition, a pre-recorded presentation will be available for viewing online at www.DartFirstState.com beginning in early August before the public hearing workshops.

Each workshop will begin with an open house format (approx. 15 mins.), allowing attendees to view proposed schedules, interact with staff, receive clarification, and fill out comment forms. The remainder of the workshop will include a presentation of the proposed service changes, followed by public testimony for those wishing to provide public comments. The public comment portion will be transcribed by a hearing reporter, and time will be allotted for anyone wishing to make private testimony directly to the hearing reporter.

Comments can also be submitted through email at DOTDTCWeb@delaware.gov, online comment form (through DART's website at www.DartFirstState.com/publichearing), calling 1-800-652-DART (3278), option 2, or mailing to: DART Public Hearing, 119 Lower Beech St., Wilmington, DE 19805-4440. All comments must be received by August 16, 2024.

If an accommodation such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired or a language translator is needed, please call (302) 760-2827, at least one week in advance.

The service proposal calls for several statewide routing and service adjustments; and schedule adjustments on many routes to improve on-time performance, connections, and service reliability. Six routes are also proposed for discontinuation due to low ridership.

Summary of proposed changes by County:

New Castle County

Schedule adjustments are proposed to improve on-time performance, connections, and service reliability to many routes in New Castle County on all service days. Please refer to the proposed schedule for specific trip time changes.

Route 10 – Service would be rerouted to serve Basin Road and South Dupont Highway between Reads Way and Wilmington in both directions, no longer operating on I-95, I-495, Maryland Avenue, and MLK Boulevard.

Route 13 – The majority of trips currently serving Bellefonte would no longer deviate into the community and instead stay on Philadelphia Pike. Ten weekday trips would continue to serve Bellefonte from Claymont to Wilton and 11 trips from Wilton to Claymont; seven trips on Saturdays and four on Sundays in each direction. All other trips would remain on Philadelphia Pike.

Route 15 – Two weekday trips to the Creekwood facility would be added between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM.

Route 20 – Service would be reduced to two round trips in the morning and two round trips in the evening rush hours.

Route 25 – Service to the New Castle County Logistic Center, near the Wrangle Hill Park & Ride, would be discontinued due to low ridership. Additionally, a Saturday afternoon trip from Wilmington would serve the Tybouts Corner Amazon facility.

Route 37 – The route would be discontinued due to low ridership. As an alternative, the Route 46 will be extended to Middletown on Saturdays.

Route 42 – The route would be discontinued due to low ridership. Alternate service would be available on Routes 33 & 40.

Route 44 – The route would be discontinued due to low ridership. Paratransit trips in a portion of the service area would change from an ADA trip to a Demand Response trip, resulting in a higher paratransit fare to become effective May 2025.

Route 46 - Saturday service would be extended to Amazon in Middletown and the Odessa Park & Ride for select trips. In addition, Route 301 Saturday schedule would be revised to improve connections to the Route 46 at the Odessa Park & Ride to meet Amazon shift times.

Route 52 – The route would be discontinued due to low ridership. Paratransit trips in a portion of this service area would change from an ADA trip to a Demand Response trip, resulting in a higher paratransit fare to become effective May 2025.

Route 62 – The route would be discontinued due to low ridership.

Route 64 – Weekday and Saturday services would be extended to Christiana Hospital and Fairplay Station. Sunday service would continue to end at the Christiana Mall’s Target Stop.

Kent County - Schedule adjustments are proposed for all routes on all service days to improve on-time performance, connections, and schedule reliability. Please refer to the proposed schedule for specific trip time changes.

Route 101 – Weekday service after 6:00 PM would be discontinued due to low ridership. Saturday service would end at the Greentree Shopping Center, not serving the Dover High School.

Route 105: Weekday service after 6:00 PM, and Saturday service would be discontinued due to low ridership.

Route 108: Saturday service would be discontinued due to low ridership.

Route 120 (and 302): The Route 120 would be discontinued due to low ridership and its resources merged with the Route 302, which would continue to serve all Route 120 bus stops. Weekday service on the Route 302 would be improved to every 55 minutes, and new limited Saturday service would be introduced on the Route 302.

Route 210 – Service after 6:00 PM would be discontinued due to low ridership.

Sussex County - Schedule adjustments are proposed for all routes on all service days to improve on-time performance, connections, and schedule reliability. Please refer to the proposed schedule for specific trip time changes.

Route 212 – On-site service to the Georgetown Professional Park would be discontinued due to low ridership.

Route 215 – Service after 9:30 PM would be discontinued due to low ridership.

Intercounty - Schedule adjustments are proposed for all routes on all service days to improve on-time performance, connections, and schedule reliability. Please refer to the proposed schedule for specific trip time changes.

Route 301 – Service to Boyd’s Corner would be reduced to eight trips traveling toward Wilmington, and nine trips traveling toward Dover.

Route 302 – Service would be rerouted through Middletown to serve Broad Street via Catherine and Green Streets. Additionally, weekday service would be improved to every 55 minutes, and **new** Saturday service would be introduced.