DART UPCOMING SERVICE CHANGE EFFECTIVE MAY 18, 2025

Delaware Transit Corporation (DTC) announced the approval of DART Statewide Bus Service Change to become effective Sunday, May 18, 2025. Modifications to the original proposal are designated in *italic bold text*.

Summary by County

New Castle County

Route 2 – Weekday evening service will be improved by an additional trip at 10 PM from Brandywine Town Center to Wilmington in response to employees who work along the SR 202 Corridor.

Route 5 – Select morning trips headed toward Christiana Mall and PM trips headed to Wilmington will provide direct service to Fairplay Station to accommodate J.P. Morgan employees. To meet SEPTA train arrivals (2 trips, 7:01 AM and 8:43 AM) and train departures (3 trips, 4:04 PM; 5:10 PM; and 6:23 PM), these trips will not serve Christiana Hospital on-site. Bus stops on SR 7 at AAA Blvd. And opposite at SR 7 at Royal Farms will allow J.P. Morgan employees to reach their office campus.

Route 20 – Schedule will be revised to better meet class start (9:30 AM) and end (12:30 PM) times for the Red Clay Adult Education Center (James H. Grove Adult High School) on Hillcrest Road in Wilmington. Weeknight service after 6:30 PM will be retained. The 6:30 PM trip will operate from the Wilmington Transit Center to Hockessin, and the 7:17 PM trip departure from Hockessin will operate to the Wilmington Transit Center. The 8:00 PM trip will operate from the Wilmington Transit Center to the James Groves Adult High School, and the 8:20 PM trip departure from James Groves Adult High School will operate to the Wilmington Transit Center.

The proposal book shows a 11:45 AM departure from the Wilmington Transit Center to the James Groves Adult High School, and a 12:15 PM trip departure from the James Groves Adult High School to the Wilmington Transit Center. Based on public input, the proposed trip departure times will be changed to depart Wilmington Transit Center at 12:05 PM and from the James Groves Adult High School at 12:40 PM.

Routes 13 & 61 – Both routes will have schedule revisions based on customer feedback for service improvements. Select early morning trips will be discontinued on Route 61 due to low ridership, at 4:53 AM and 5:42 AM, from Brandywine Town Center to Claymont Transit Center.

Route 61 – weekday night service span will be improved; two new trips will be added at 8:30 PM and 9:35 PM from Claymont Transit Center to Brandywine Town Center; and two new trips

from 8:00 PM and 9:05 PM from Brandywine Town Center to Claymont Transit Center. On Route 13, two weekday trips will operate from the Wilmington Transit Center to Claymont Transit Center (departing at 5:15 AM and 12:30 PM), and one weekday trip will operate from Claymont Transit Center to Wilmington Transit Center (departing at 1:30 PM).

New Castle County Paratransit – Paratransit trips in Delaware City, North Greenville and Centreville areas will change from an ADA trip to a Demand Response trip, resulting in a higher paratransit fare to become effective May 19, 2025.

Kent County

Route 108 –Schedule adjustments will be made to improve on-time performance.

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 204 – Span of service will change daily from 6 AM - 10 PM to 8 AM - 8 PM; service will operate hourly all day, for both year-round and Beach Bus service schedules.

Route 206: The on-site bus stop at the Family Service Center on Bedford Street will be discontinued at the request of the property owner.

Route 215 – A new bus stop will be installed in Millsboro near the Post Office. For all trips heading toward the Rehoboth Park and Ride the bus will use Railroad Street to access the new bus stop.

<u>Intercounty</u>

Minor schedule adjustments will be made to improve on-time performance, connections, and schedule reliability.

Beach Bus Services

Rehoboth's Park & Ride Ticket Booth will close. DART Passes may be purchased on DART Pass mobile app, at the Lewes Transit Center or on the bus.

Implementation Monday, May 19, 2025, and ending Monday, September 1, 2025
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Route 204 – Service to Big Oaks Campground will be retained and will be served on the following trips: Weekdays at 10:47 AM, 12:44 PM, 2:49 PM, 4:27 PM, 6:30 PM and 8:29 PM.

Saturdays at 10:47 AM, 12:44 PM, 2:44 PM, 4:29 PM, 6:32 PM and 8:23 PM, and Sundays at 10:32 AM, 12:34 PM, 2:29 PM, 4:32 PM, 6:32 PM and 8:32 PM.

Route 305 –The last trip on Saturday will be modified to depart Wilmington at 3:00 PM instead of 5:15 PM and will depart Lewes Transit Center at 6:00 PM instead of 7:45 PM. On Sunday, service will be revised where the 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM departures will be combined into one trip departing at 9:00 AM. Sunday service will operate two roundtrips. The last trip on Sunday will be modified to depart Wilmington at 2:45 PM instead of 5:15 PM. Buses will depart Lewes Transit Center at 11:30 AM instead of 10:45 AM. The 7:45 PM trip will be discontinued. The Sunday 5:15 PM trip departure from Lewes Transit Center will not change.

Holiday Services

In New Castle County Sunday service will operate on 5/26 (Memorial Day), 7/4 (Independence Day), 9/1 (Labor Day) on Routes 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 13, 15, 33, 40, 64 and 305. In Sussex County Weekend Resort service will operate on 5/26 (Memorial Day), 7/4 (Independence Day), 9/1 (Labor Day) on Routes 201, 204, 206, 208, and 215.

New schedules will be available online mid-May.

The Delaware Transit Corporation, a subsidiary of the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), operates DART First State. For more information, please visit www.DartFirstState.com or call 1-800-652-DART. Real-Time Bus Information, DART Connect on-demand microtransit service and DART Pass mobile fare payment are all available on the free DART Transit app (iOS and Android).

