

Shuttlebus-ZOOM

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Recently a team of consultants were asked to study ShuttleBus and Zoom routes and schedules for improved efficiency and service. Based on their findings, changes have been recommended that would focus bus service where demand is highest, increase frequency and greatly simplify the schedule by eliminating low ridership route variations. The schedules would operate at clock face headways (i.e. same time every hour). Timed-transfers would also be provided between routes to facilitate travel from one bus service to the next.

Tri-Town Local Route (Biddeford-Saco-Old Orchard Beach)

The Tri-Town Local route would be reconfigured to operate along a single alignment in Biddeford and Saco and a one-way loop through Ocean Park and Old Orchard Beach. The route thorough Biddeford would be along Alfred Street only. Elm Street would be eliminated. These changes would greatly simplify service, increase ridership and reduce operating costs slightly.

Inter-City Route (Tri-Towns to Portland)

The Intercity Route would be shortened to operate between Old Orchard Beach and downtown Portland. Connecting service to/from Biddeford and Saco would be through the Tri-Town Local Service. In addition, the bus would operate along a single alignment between Old Orchard Beach and Portland via the Maine Mall.

ZOOM Turnpike Express

The ZOOM Turnpike Express schedule would be revised to provide additional afternoon peak service and to provide more regular headways. The morning span of service would be shortened from 5:25 am to 8:17 am to 6:00 am to 8:20 am, and the afternoon span of service would be lengthened from 3:23 pm to 6:28 pm to 3:00 pm to 6:45 pm. In addition, service would be rescheduled to provide more consistent headways (every 35 to 40 minutes) and to shorten the 51-minute gap between 5:09 pm and 6:00 pm.

UNE Nor'easter Express

The UNE Nor'easter Express route would be reconfigured to operate service at even 30-minute headways that would be easier to remember and provide for timed-transfers to the Tri-Town route for connecting service to Biddeford (including the Shops at Biddeford Crossing), Saco, and Old Orchard Beach.



Southern Maine has been growing and changing rapidly. The South Portland/Saco Bay Transit Study was undertaken to determine changes to provide transit services that better reflect current needs.

This brochure presents a summary of the potential improvements that are being considered. Please come to one of the public meetings that are being held to let us know what you think.

Public Information Meetings

Monday, January 28: 5:30pm

Saco City Hall
300 Main Street
Saco, ME

Tuesday, January 29: 6:30pm

Southern Maine Community College
Jewett Hall
2 Fort Road
South Portland, ME

Additional information and comments:

<http://www.smrpc.org>

Southern Maine
Regional Planning Commission
21 Bradeen St., Suite 304
Springvale, Maine 04083

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Shuttlebus-ZOOM Preferred Option

	Span of Service		Service Frequency (mins)		
	Start	End	Peak	Mid-day	Evening
Existing Service					
Rt TT Tri-Town					
Weekdays	5:10 AM	10:00 PM	60 - 120	60 - 120	120
Saturday	7:15 AM	10:10 PM	--	60 - 120	120
Sunday	7:15 AM	6:10 PM	--	60 - 120	120
Total	5:10 AM	10:10 PM	60 - 120	60 - 120	120
Rt IC Intercity					
Weekdays	6:30 AM	6:45 PM	90-115	150	--
Saturday	8:20 AM	6:00 PM	--	150	--
Sunday (Fall)	8:20 AM	6:00 PM	--	150	--
Total	6:30 AM	6:45 PM	90-115	150	--
Rt UNE Nor'easter					
Mon-Weds	7:15 AM	6:05 PM	25 - 45	25 - 45	--
Thurs-Fri	7:15 AM	10:25 PM	25 - 45	25 - 45	30
Saturday	9:50 AM	6:05 PM	--	25 - 45	--
Sunday	9:50 AM	11:05 PM	--	25 - 45	30
Total	7:15 AM	11:05 PM	25 - 45	25 - 45	30
ZOOM Turnpike Express					
Weekdays	5:25 AM	6:28 PM	20 - 51	--	--
Recommended					
Rt TT-A Tri-Town					
Weekdays	6:00 AM	9:00 PM	60	60	60
Saturday	7:00 AM	9:00 PM	60	60	60
Sunday	9:00 AM	8:00 PM	120	120	120
Total	6:00 AM	9:00 PM	60	60	60
Rt IC-A Intercity					
Weekdays	6:00 AM	7:00 PM	120	120	--
Saturday	8:00 AM	7:00 PM	120	120	--
Sunday	9:00 AM	6:00 PM	120	120	--
Total	6:00 AM	7:00 PM	120	120	--
Rt UNE Nor'easter					
Mon-Weds	7:00 AM	6:15 PM	30	--	--
Thurs-Fri	7:00 AM	10:40 PM	30	--	30
Saturday	9:50 AM	11:05 PM	30	30	30
Sunday	9:50 AM	6:05 PM	30	30	30
Total	--	--	--	--	--
ZOOM Turnpike Express					
Weekdays	6:15 AM	6:30 PM	35 - 40	--	--

