

# Memorandum



**Date:** June 6, 2023

**To:** Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 2(B)(6)  
July 6, 2023

**From:** Daniella Levine Cava  
Mayor

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**Subject:** Report Regarding DTPW Fare, Service Adjustments and Contracted Route Changes – July 24, 2023 Lineup

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## Executive Summary

This report, prepared by the Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW), is being provided to the Board of County Commissioners (Board) in response to Resolution No. R-235-18 which was adopted on March 6, 2018. The resolution was sponsored by then-Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava directing the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide a report describing any planned fare or service adjustments to Miami-Dade County Transit services made pursuant to Sections 2-150(c) or 2-150(d) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, as well as any contracting out of routes, prior to the enactment of such adjustments and to place such reports on an agenda of this Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

DTPW currently implements three bus and rail lineups each year which occur in March, July, and November. These are scheduled throughout the year when administrative and major service changes are implemented. There are no fare changes to be implemented with the July 24, 2023, bus and rail lineups. Additionally, there are no additional routes that will be contracted out. Therefore, a presentation to the Transport Workers Union, Local 291, is not required. Lastly, no rail service changes are planned with the July 24, 2023, lineup.

The following is a summary of bus service changes that will be implemented with the July 24, 2023 bus lineup:

“Phase One” Better Bus Network service changes:

- Route 31, which serves part of the South Dade TransitWay, will be discontinued to increase service on Route 38 which serves the entire TransitWay. Route 39 will be improved to provide additional peak service between Cutler Bay and Dadeland South Metrorail Station.
- Route 38 will be truncated at the SW 344 St Park and Ride and weekday midday service will increase from 20 to 15 minutes. The truncation will improve reliability by keeping the service on the TransitWay.
- Route 39 weekday peak frequency will be improved from 15 to 12 minutes.
- Route 62 weekday all-day frequency will be improved from 30 to 15 minutes east of Martin Luther King Junior Metrorail Station. The schedules will also be improved to reflect current traffic conditions.
- Route B will be renamed Route 26 as letter routes will all be changed to numbers. Route 26 frequency will be improved from 60 to 30 minutes midday on Crandon Blvd and the

Harbor Dr leg will be discontinued due to low ridership. The schedules will also be improved to reflect current traffic conditions.

Additional bus service changes:

- 1 – Minor routing change from TransitWay to US1 at 200 St and routed directly to SW 112 Ave.
- 10 - The schedules will be improved to reflect current traffic conditions.
- 12 – Minor adjustments to last trips.
- 21 – Minor adjustments to last trips.
- 52 – Minor routing change from TransitWay to US1 at 200 St and routed along SW 112 Ave.
- 95 – Frequency will be adjusted from 5 to 15 minutes between Golden Glades and Downtown Miami and service to Civic Center will also have a 15-minute frequency.
- 99 – Trips will be slightly shifted due to capacity constraints at the Aventura Mall Bus Terminal. Added back last trips to better serve Aventura Mall.
- M – The schedules will be improved to reflect current traffic conditions.
- 204 – Schedules will be adjusted to provide a consistent 20-minute frequency. The service has been operating at an inconsistent frequency due to operator shortages.
- 288 – Schedules will be adjusted to provide a consistent 30-minute frequency to West Kendall Bus Terminal. The service has been operating at an inconsistent frequency due to operator shortages. The leg to the SW 127 Ave Park and Ride will be discontinued due to low ridership.
- 836 – Schedules will be adjusted to provide consistent 40-minute morning peak, 60-minute midday, and 35-minute afternoon peak frequencies.
- 837 – Trips departing Downtown Miami in the PM peak will be scheduled to depart at 15-minutes past the hour to better align with work schedules.

**Background**

DTPW currently implements three bus and rail lineups each year which occur in March, July, and November. These are the only scheduled lineups throughout the year when administrative and major service changes are implemented. Fares, bus service and rail service can be changed administratively per Section 2-150(b) of the Code as long as the changes do not meet or exceed the following thresholds:

1. Any fare, rate or charge for transit service or for service ancillary to transit;
2. Any change in service of 25 percent or more of the number of route miles of a route;
3. If, in a fiscal year, the cumulative changes on a route add up to 25 percent or more change in the number of route miles of a route;
4. A change in the interval between peak period transit services on a route of more than 10 minutes;
5. A change in the interval between off-peak period transit services on a route of more than 30 minutes; or

6. A new transit service is established or an existing service is abolished.

Any service changes that meet or exceed the above are considered major and must be approved by the County Commission after a public hearing.

When service changes are approved, new schedules are created for routes and work assignments are put out to bid to bus operators. The entire scheduling and bidding process through implementation takes approximately four months for a typical lineup.

Some routes in the bus network are recommended for contracting out. These routes typically carry fewer riders or provide service to areas where a full-size buses are not appropriate. Contracting out provides DTPW flexibility if unforeseen situations occur such as operator shortages or budget constraints, affording DTPW the ability to adjust service as needed.

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65, this report will be placed on the next available Board meeting agenda. Should you require additional information, please contact Eulois Cleckley, DTPW Director and CEO at (786) 469-5406.

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