

Memorandum



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To: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 2(B)(5)
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From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Report Regarding DTPW Fare, Service Adjustments, and Contracted Route Changes – July 21, 2025 Rail Lineup and October 27, 2025 Bus Lineup

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, sponsored by then-Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava, directs 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 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. This report summarizes adjustments implemented with the October 27, 2025 bus lineup and July 21, 2025 rail lineup. No fare changes will be implemented with the bus and rail lineups.

Bus Changes

The following is a summary of bus service changes that will be implemented with the October 27, 2025 bus lineup:

Major Service Changes (approved by Resolution No. R-352-25 adopted on April 1, 2025):

South Corridor BRT Related Major Service Changes:

- The following routes will be discontinued as part of the South Dade Corridor BRT implementation: 34, 38, and 39
- The following new routes will be implemented as part of the South Dade Corridor BRT implementation: MetroExpress (Route 601) and TransitWay Local (602).
- The following two (2) routes will have routing and/or frequency changes:
 - Route 52 – Route truncated at SW 152 St and TransitWay and routing changed on southern end to serve SW 211 St, US1, and SW 216 St. Additional trips added seven days a week between SW 200 St and the TransitWay and South Dade Medical Center. Frequency will be increased from 30 to 15 minutes along this segment.
 - Route 287 – Truncated at SW 168 St and TransitWay.

MetroLink Changes:

- The contracted Le Jeune MetroLink demonstration service was discontinued Friday, July 18, 2025, replaced with contracted route 42 on Monday, July 21, 2025, and extended to the Douglas Rd Station with the same frequency and span.
- The contracted NoMi MetroLink demonstration service was discontinued Friday, July 18, 2025 and replaced with contracted route 16 on Monday, July 21, 2025, with the same routing and schedule.
- The contracted NoMi West MetroLink demonstration service was discontinued Friday, July 18, 2025 and replaced with contracted route 25 on Monday, July 21, 2025, with the same routing and schedule.

Minor Service Changes:

- The following nine routes will have routing changes:
 - Route 37 – Routing northbound to W 2 Ct in Hialeah to serve Robert Forcum Tower.
 - Route 75 – Routing eastbound changed through Golden Glades and NW 12 Ave Palmetto Expressway ramp due to construction.
 - Route 95 - Routing southbound changed through Golden Glades and NW 12 Ave Palmetto Expressway ramp due to construction.
 - Route 97 – Routing will be extended to serve the new Richmond Dr BRT Station Park and Ride.
 - Route 287 – Truncated at SW 168 St and TransitWay.
 - Route 107 – Routing changed from TransitWay to US1 between SW 184 St and SW 112 Ave.
 - Route 199 – Routing around Red Rd Transit Hub changed from clockwise to counterclockwise.
 - Route 211 – Routing westbound changed from SW 107 Ave to SW 109 Ave.
 - Route 401 – Routing northbound changed through Golden Glades and NW 12 Ave Palmetto Expressway ramp due to construction.
- The following route has trip pattern changes to clarify a branch on a route:
 - Route 54 – The short pattern to NW 87 Ct will become “54A.”
- The following five routes have schedule improvements to reflect current traffic conditions and/or schedule adjustments to improve service reliability: 101, 183, 204, 400, and 836.
- The following two routes will have frequency and/or span adjustments based on current ridership data:
 - Route 11 – Schedules adjusted from every 30 to 15 minutes from 6 am to 7 am on Saturdays.
 - Route 837 – Trips adjusted in the AM and PM to address overcrowding.

- The following two routes had a trip added to the schedule that was previously an out-of-service trip returning to the garage: 62 and 95.

Rail Changes

No rail service changes implemented with the July 21, 2025 rail lineup.

Fiscal Impact

The net fiscal impact for of all service adjustments described in this report is an annual increase in operating cost of \$10,426,844, based on the latest hourly operating rates. Of this amount, \$11,688,801 is attributable to the new South Corridor MetroExpress BRT service, which will be funded by People's Transportation Plan (PTP) Surtax revenues. This increased cost was anticipated and included as part of DTPW's FY25-26 Adopted Operating Budget. All other service adjustments represent an annual reduction of \$1,261,957 in operating costs funded through DTPW operating funds.

Background

DTPW currently implements three bus and rail lineups each year, which occur in March, July, and November. This year, the July lineup was rescheduled for October 27, 2025 to facilitate the implementation of the South Corridor BRT. These are the only scheduled lineups throughout the year when administrative and major service changes are implemented. DTPW continues to solicit feedback to make needed adjustments in future lineups.

Fares, bus service, and rail service can be changed administratively per Section 2-150(c) of the Code, as long as the changes do not meet or exceed the following change thresholds set forth under Section 2-150(b) which require Board approval after public hearing:

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, requiring Board approval 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.

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Some routes in the bus network are recommended for contracting out. These routes typically carry less riders or provide service to areas where a full-size bus is not appropriate. Contracting out gives 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 Stacy Miller, P.E., DTPW Director and CEO at (786) 469-5406.

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