

Big Changes Could Be Coming To Colts Bus System

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Scranton, Lackawanna County - Big changes could soon be coming to the bus system in Lackawanna County.

After months of studies Colts released their proposed changes Friday.

Under the proposal some of the county's most popular routes would be extended but others that don't have many riders could be eliminated.

Riders say they understand changes are need to make the bus system the best it can be everyday. Thousands of people rely on buses to get around Lackawanna County.

For the last few months, officials from Colts, the County of Lackawanna Transit System, along with a consultant, have been reviewing all of their routes to see what works and what doesn't.

The recommendations are explained below and are available on the Colts web site.

- 1) Extend the hours of the evening city circle north route.
- 2) Extend weekday evening service hours on select routes (old forge, drinker, high works, valley view/hilltop, and some mall service).
- 3) Extend saturday morning service hours on select routes.
- 4) Eliminate current routes to monroe county via mount airy and daleville/north pocono due to low ridership.
- 5) Eliminate service to mcdade park due to low ridership; extend select trips on recently-established south main route to service stauffer industrial park. Add saturday service to south main route to taylor wal-mart and price chopper only.
- 6) Expand route 6 shuttle service to include best buy/staples/gander mountain plaza, and adjust times to improve connections with mall service.
- 7) Re-structure mall service (including viewmont/bangor, viewmont mall express/dalton/ waverly, and shopper's special) To eliminate duplication and provide improved connections with route 6 shuttle.
- 8) Extend current keyser valley route to keyser oak shopping center to link up with high works route.
- 9) Review connections with lcta on old forge, pittston and mohegan sun routes to improve service to luzerne county.
- 10) Establish uniform route numbering and naming conventions.
- 11) Improve service between wegman's and gerrity's at keyser oak shopping center and the area's senior living centers.

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