

# DART UPCOMING SERVICE CHANGE

## EFFECTIVE MAY 21, 2023

Delaware Transit Corporation (DTC) announced the approval of DART Statewide Bus Service Change to become effective Sunday, May 21, 2023. Modifications to the original proposal are designated in *italic bold text*.

### Summary by County

#### NEW CASTLE COUNTY

The following Routes will have schedule adjustments to improve on-time performance and connections:

Weekdays – 4, 8, 13, 15, 18, 20, 25, 28, 35, 42, **61**, 64, and 301

Weekends – 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 25, 33, 35, 40, **42**, 55 and 64

In addition, Routes 8, 14, 15, 18, 20, 25, 33, **42, 44**, 53, 54, 55, and **61** have schedule adjustments where service frequency was either reduced or improved. Please refer to specific schedules for detailed information.

**Routes 2 and 35** – Select weekday and Saturday Route 2 trips will operate as the Route 35. Weekday trips will depart Wilmington Transit Center for Brandywine Town Center at 5:40 AM, 6:25 AM, and 7:05 AM, and depart Brandywine Town Center for Wilmington Transit Center at 2:34 PM, 3:14 PM, and 4:14 PM. Saturday trip times will depart Wilmington Transit Center at 6:20 AM and depart Brandywine Town Center at 3:10 PM.

**Route 4** – All trips will serve the Barley Mill Plaza (with the new Wegman's) onsite in both directions. All trips to and from Prices Corner will be rerouted to serve Faulkland Road and State Route 141.

**Route 5** - The Route 5 will use Lane C of the Wilmington Transit Center, instead of Lane B.

**Route 8** – Weekday trips will be reduced to operate every 60 minutes in the AM peak hour. Mid-day service and PM rush hour will remain at 30-minute intervals. An additional early morning round trip will be added to depart Wilmington to the Port at 5:45 AM. Trip times will be coordinated to better meet Port of Wilmington work shift and customer demand.

**Route 11** - Service to Rockwood Office Park will be discontinued due to low ridership.

**Routes 13 & 31** – Route 31 will be eliminated and both routes will be combined into a new Route 13 with most trips serving the Bellefonte Community. Select weekday trips will continue to operate via Philadelphia Pike skipping Bellefonte to serve Mount Pleasant High School students and faculty. Bellevue Park Corporate Center and Claymont Station will not be served. Route 61 weekday service will be improved to operate hourly connecting the Claymont Train Station with Route 13 at Philadelphia Pike. The downtown routing through Wilmington will be revised to travel along Orange to 11th, to Walnut and 16th Streets replacing portions of Route 31. Alternate bus stops will still be available on Philadelphia Pike for riders to access the Bellevue Corporate Center. All weekday rush hour trips will serve Airport Plaza.

**Route 14** - The 10:55 PM weeknight trip from Miller Road Shopping Center to DHSS and the 11:50 PM trip from DHSS to Rodney Square will be discontinued due to low ridership.

**Route 15** - On weekdays, the 4:55 AM trip from Wilmington to Christiana Mall will not serve Twin Spans and remain on Wilmington Road due to low ridership. The 8:55 AM trip from Christiana Mall to Wilmington will not serve Creekwood Industrial Park due to low ridership. The route will begin/end on Delaware Ave. at Adams St., instead of King St. at 9<sup>th</sup> St. ***The downtown routing will use Delaware Avenue, 10th, King, and 4th Streets. [See map](#)***

**Route 18** – Trips between Prices Corner and Wilmington will be rerouted to serve Barley Mill Plaza via Centerville Road and Lancaster Pike, using stops located on Lancaster Pike. Express service will be discontinued. All service will be rescheduled to operate roughly every 45 minutes. The 5:10 AM trip from Wilmington Transit Center to Foulk and Naamans Roads will be discontinued due to low ridership. A new trip will begin at Prices Corner Park & Ride at 5:30 AM and end at Foulk and Naamans Roads. ***Based on public comments, the proposed 5:14 AM trip from Wilmington to Pike Creek will now depart at 5:04 AM. The proposed 5:59 AM trip from Pike Creek to Foulk and Naamans Roads will now depart at 5:49 AM to arrive at Wilmington Transit Center at 6:22 AM. The proposed 7:08 AM trip from Foulk and Naamans Roads to Pike Creek will now depart at 7:00 AM.***

**Route 20** – Service will be reduced by almost half due to low ridership, keeping limited mid-day service. Additionally, service to Chestnut Run will be discontinued due to low ridership.

**Route 25** – The 11:45 PM weeknight trip from Wrangle Hill to Miller Road Shopping Center will be discontinued due to low ridership. Select weekday trips will no longer serve Amazon on Frenchtown Rd (PHL 1) or Amazon’s ILG1 facility (Tybouts Corner) due to low ridership:  
Southbound to Wrangle Hill Park & Ride - Skip ILG1 at 4:33, 9:05, 9:30, 10:00, 10:37 AM; 2:05, 2:20, 6:25 PM; Skip PHL1 at 10:00 AM; 4:33, 10:40 PM.  
Northbound towards Miller Road Shopping Center - Skip ILG1 at 8:30, 8:54, 9:18, 10:35 AM; 12:04, 12:45 PM; Skip PHL1 at 10:35 AM; 4:25, 11:45 PM.

**Route 28** – All weekday trips from 9 AM until 4 PM will be extended from Wilmington DMV to Probation & Parole/Zenith.

**Route 31** – Route will be combined with Route 13 (see Route 13 above).

**Route 33** – The route will enter Wilmington via the Delaware Avenue exit from I-95 and serve downtown before ending at Wilmington Transit Center (Lane B). All service to Fairplay Station will be discontinued. ***The proposed 5:50 AM trip from Wilmington to Newark will now depart at 5:45 AM. The proposed 7:00 AM trip from Newark to Wilmington will now depart at 6:55 AM to arrive downtown before 7:55 AM.***

**Route 35** – Weekday service will be reduced due to low ridership. Trips will operate from Wilmington in the AM and to Wilmington in the PM, with no weekday mid-day service. New limited Saturday service will be operated to serve Shipley Manor. CHUBB (refer to Route 2 description) will not be served on-site, but at bus stops along Concord Pike. In downtown Wilmington, the routing to Brandywine Town Center will be changed to follow Walnut, 8th, French, and 10th Streets to match the routing on Route 2.

**Route 37 and 47** - The Route 47 will be eliminated and combined into Route 37, with unproductive trips being discontinued. The route will begin/end at Delaware Avenue at Adams Street, instead of 9th at Market. Morning trips to Wilmington and evening trips to Middletown will skip Christiana Mall. The routing will be modified between North Middletown Park & Ride and Amazon, which will replace a portion of Route 63. Saturday service on Route 37 will be introduced replacing Route 47.

**Route 40** - The route will begin/end on 9th St. at Market St. instead of Delaware Ave. at Adams St. to improve schedule reliability. [See map](#)

**Route 42** – Due to low ridership, the 6:22 PM trip from Delaware at Adams to Peoples Plaza, and the 5:40 AM and 6:26 PM trips from Peoples Plaza will be discontinued. Service to the I-95 Service Plaza will be reduced, and schedules will be revised to meet the shift times. Limited weekend service will operate coordinating with I-95 Service Plaza shift times and weekend service will not serve the DE 896/4 Park & Ride. ***The proposed 6:26 AM trip from Wilmington to Peoples Plaza will now depart at 6:13 AM. The proposed 7:15 AM trip from Peoples Plaza to Wilmington will now depart at 7:05 AM to arrive in downtown Wilmington before 8 AM (at 7:47AM).***

**Route 43** – Will be replaced by Route 46 (see Route 46 below).

**Route 44** - Service to the New Castle County Logistics Center will be discontinued. ***The existing 7:20 AM trip from Christiana Mall to Delaware City will be adjusted to depart at 7:30 AM. The existing 8:00 AM trip from Delaware City to Christiana Mall will be adjusted to depart at 8:05 AM. The 9:25AM departure from Christiana Mall and the 10:10 AM departure from Delaware City will remain unchanged.***

**Route 46** - Route 46 weekday service will be extended from Glasgow to Middletown and Odessa Park & Ride replacing Routes 43 and 63, along with portions of Route 302 between Middletown and Newark. Saturday service on Route 46 will only operate between Newark and Glasgow.

**Route 47** – Route will be combined with Route 37 (See Route 37 above).

**Route 51** –The route will begin/end on Delaware Ave. at Adams St. instead of King St. at 9th St. ***The downtown routing will use Delaware Avenue, 10th, King, and 4th Streets.*** [See map](#)

**Route 52** - ***The current 6:25 AM trip from Wilmington to Centreville will be adjusted to depart at 6:30 AM. The current 6:55 AM trip from Centreville to Wilmington will be adjusted to depart at 6:57 AM.***

**Route 54** - The weekday 10:00 PM trip from Wilton to Christiana Mall and the 10:00 PM trip from Fairplay Station to Wilton will be discontinued due to low ridership.

**Route 55** - Due to low ridership, the weeknight 10:10 PM trip from Christiana Mall to Newark, and the Saturday 6:20 AM trip from Christiana Mall to Newark will be discontinued.

**Route 61** – Service to Concord Mall and Rocky Run Boulevard will be discontinued and the route will begin/end at the Brandywine Town Center Park & Ride. Service will be maintained on Concord Pike and serve the existing CHUBB bus stop, and continued service to the Market Square Shopping Center near TJ Maxx. Service will be improved to operate hourly and will continue to serve the Claymont Train Station offering better connections with Route 13 at Philadelphia Pike. The final trip leaving Claymont Train Station will be at 7:30 PM. Note: Route 61 will be rerouted to the new Claymont Train Station when opened. ***The following changes are made to connect with SEPTA trains at Claymont Train Station. The proposed 6:30 AM trip from Claymont Station to Brandywine Town Center will be adjusted to depart at 6:35 AM. The proposed 6:57 AM trip from Brandywine Town Center to Claymont Station will be adjusted to now depart at 7:00 AM.***

**Route 62** - ***The following changes are made to connect with SEPTA trains at Fairplay Station. The proposed 6:20 AM trip from Fairplay Station to White Clay Center will now depart at 6:10 AM. The proposed 7:00 AM trip from White Clay Center to Fairplay Station will now depart at 6:45 AM. The proposed 7:20 AM trip from Fairplay Station to White Clay Center will now depart at 7:08 AM. The proposed 8:10 AM trip from White Clay Center to Fairplay Station will now depart at 7:50 AM.***

**Route 63** - Will be replaced by Route 46 (see Route 46 above).

**Route 64** – Weekday service will be revised to operate every 60 minutes instead of every 50 minutes. Due to low ridership, the 9:05 PM trip from Christiana Mall to Peoples Plaza will be discontinued. The 9:50 PM and 10:45 PM trips from Christiana Mall will be discontinued, and a new trip will depart Christiana Mall at 10:20 PM. The 8:59 PM trip from Peoples Plaza to Christiana Mall will be discontinued due to low ridership. On Saturdays, the following trips will be discontinued due to low ridership: 8:58 PM trip from Christiana Mall to Peoples Plaza and 8:00 PM trip from Peoples Plaza to Christiana Mall. On Sundays, the following trips will be discontinued due to low ridership: 8:30 AM trip from Christiana Mall to Peoples Plaza and 7:30 AM trip from Peoples Plaza to Christiana Mall. All Sunday trips will begin/end at Christiana Mall Target instead of the Park & Ride.

**DART Connect – Newark** – A new micro-transit service will be introduced in the City of Newark. The scheduled target date for introducing DART Connect – Newark is ***August 7, 2023. The City of Newark’s UniCity service is expected to be phased out by September 30, 2023.***

**Kent County** – Schedule adjustments will be made on Routes 101, 108, and 109 to improve on-time performance, connections, and schedule reliability.

**Sussex County** – Schedule adjustments will be made on Routes 201, 204, 206, 212, 215, and 303 improve on-time performance, connections, and schedule reliability.

**Route 201** – Year-round service frequencies will be improved to every 25 minutes.

**Route 206 - A new trip at 1:45 PM trip from Georgetown to Lewes will be added. A new trip at 2:43 PM from Lewes to Georgetown will be added. In Harbeson, this new trip will connect with Route 303 heading towards Dover.**

**Route 212** – All trips, both weekday and Saturday will begin/end at Delmar.

**Flex Routes 901 and 902** – DART Connect Georgetown/Millsboro Service will formally replace Flex Routes 901 and 902.

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

**Route 301** – Select trips to and from the Dover DMV will be reduced due to low ridership. From Wilmington, buses will arrive at the Dover DMV at 6:53 AM, 7:52 AM and 8:48 AM. From Dover, buses will depart Dover DMV at 3:33 PM, 4:13 PM and 5:13 PM. Other trip departure times from Wilmington and Dover will have minor schedule adjustments.

- ***The current 4:10 AM trip from Wilmington to Dover will not be discontinued; this trip will now depart at 4:00 AM, and will skip Boyd's Corner Park & Ride, Del State and DelDOT.***
- Combine the 6:00 AM local and 6:10 AM Express into a 6:05 AM local trip.
- The 1:40 PM express trip from Dover Transit Center will be converted into local service and will depart at 1:35 PM.
- Delaware State University and Christiana Mall will be served from Dover on the 7:20 AM and 8:27 AM trips.
- ***The current 6:00 AM trip from Dover will now depart at 5:43 AM and will serve all stops from Dover to Wilmington.***
- ***The current 5:10 AM trip from Wilmington will now depart at 4:50 AM.***
- ***The proposed 6:50 AM trip from Dover will now depart at 6:40 AM.***
- ***The current 6:35 AM trip from Wilmington will now depart at 6:30 AM and will skip Boyd's Corner to get to DelDOT/DMV before 8:00 AM.***
- ***The proposed 10:40 AM trip from Wilmington will now depart at 10:30 AM.***

**Route 302** – Routing will be revised to operate from North Middletown Park & Ride to the Dover Transit Center continuing to serve Smyrna. Service between Middletown and Newark will be Provided by the revised Route 46.

**Route 303** – Service to Airpark Plaza onsite will be discontinued due to low ridership.

**Route 307** – Service to the South Frederica Park and Ride will be reduced due to low ridership. From Dover, the Park & Ride will be served at 8:48 AM, 11:33 AM, and 1:48 PM. From the Lewes Transit Center, the Park & Ride will be served at 1:23 PM, 3:38 PM, and 6:23 PM.

**Beach Bus** - Schedule adjustments will be made on Routes 201, 203, 204, 206, 208, 215 and 305 to improve on-time performance, connections, and schedule reliability. Beach Bus service will start Monday, May 22, 2023, operating daily through Sunday, September 10, 2023.

**Route 201** –Weekday service frequencies operating Monday through Friday will increase to every 20 minutes between 7:35 AM and 10:35 AM.

**Route 305** – Service to the South Frederica Park & Ride will be discontinued due to low ridership. Service will operate on weekends and holidays, beginning on Saturday, May 27, 2023, through Labor Day, Monday, September 4, 2023.

**Holiday Service** will be offered on Bus Routes 2, 4, 5, 6, 13, 15, 33, 37, 40, 42, 64, and 305 for Memorial Day, Monday, May 29; Independence Day, Tuesday, July 4; and Labor Day, Monday, September 4, 2023. Service will operate on a Sunday schedule, where Route 37 will operate on a Saturday schedule.

New schedules will be available online by May 1, 2023; printed pocket schedules will be available by Mid-May.

The Delaware Transit Corporation, a subsidiary of the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), operates DART. For more information, please visit [www.DartFirstState.com](http://www.DartFirstState.com) or call 1-800-652-DART. **Real-Time Bus Information and DART Pass, the mobile fare payment option, are both available on the free [DART Transit App](#) (iOS and Android).**

