



Dutchess County Public Transit Proposed Fare and Service Changes

In an effort to improve service to our customers, Dutchess County Public Transit is proposing to make the following changes to its fare policy as well as make service improvements to routes within the City of Poughkeepsie. **Most importantly, Routes H, J, K, L, M and P will depart the Hub at :15 past the hour to facilitate timed transfers between routes.** We encourage you to review the proposed list of changes below and provide comments by directly contacting the County Transit Administrator.

For more information or should you wish to comment about the proposed fare and service changes, please submit your comments to: John Andoh, County Transit Administrator, Dutchess County Public Transit, 14 Commerce Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, email to jandoh@dutchessny.gov, fax to: 845.473.8643 or call to: 845.473.8521. **Please submit any comments by Friday, January 5, 2018 by 12:00 p.m.**

Route #	Description of Service Change
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday service is rescheduled in between Route B to provide service between 8:45 a.m. and 7:15 p.m., every 1 hour and 30 minutes. Timed connections with Route H at the Hub.
B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday service is rescheduled in between Route A to operate between 9:15 a.m. & 6:50 p.m., every 1 hour and 30 minutes. Timed connections with Route H at the Hub. Route extended to Beacon Train Station and Beacon Intermodal Center with timed connections with Route F.
C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selected Route C trips will be directed to travel via Market Street and Route 9G due to Route J change.
F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday service is rescheduled to provide service between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., every 70 minutes. Route extended to Beacon Intermodal Center.
H – College Connection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Route redesigned to provide service every 60 minutes between Dutchess Community College and Hub every 60 minutes, Monday-Saturday between 7:15 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. and Sunday between 9:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Timed connections to Routes A, B or K for continued travel to/from Poughkeepsie Plaza, Hudson Plaza, Poughkeepsie Galleria or The Shoppes at South Hills. Service will be extended to Interfaith Towers and Poughkeepsie Train Station in a one way loop after serving the Hub.
I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Route will be discontinued. Customers can use Routes K or M to access Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie Galleria, The Shoppes at South Hills and Avalon Assisted Living. For service to other destinations on Route I, customers can use Dial-A-Ride or Flex.
J - Northside Shuttle (Formerly CJ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Route redesigned to provide service every 60 minutes between Stop and Shop in Hyde Park and Franklin D. Roosevelt Home Park to the Hub between 6:15 a.m. and 8:15 p.m., Monday-Friday and 8:15 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. on Saturday. There will be no longer service to Dutchess Community College or along Route 9G north of Route 40A. Use Routes C or H to access these destinations. Service will be extended to Interfaith Towers and Poughkeepsie Train Station in a one way loop before serving the Hub.
K – Southside Shuttle (Formerly CK)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Route redesigned to provide service every 60 minutes between Avalon Assisted Living, Galleria, The Shoppes at South Hills, Poughkeepsie Plaza, Hudson Plaza, Vassar Brothers Medical Center and the Hub via Livingston and Academy Streets between 6:15 a.m. and 12:07 a.m., Monday-Friday and 7:15 a.m. and 11:07 p.m. on Saturday. Additional service is available on Routes A and B. Service will be extended to Interfaith Towers and Poughkeepsie Train Station in a one way loop after serving the Hub.
L – Main Street Shuttle (Formerly CL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Route redesigned to provide service every 30 minutes between Adams Fairacres Farms and the Hub via Main Street and Vassar College (North Parking Lot Bus Shelter) between 6:15 a.m. and 11:15 p.m., 7:15 a.m. and 10:15 p.m. on Saturday and 9:15 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. on Sunday. No service to the Hudson River. This can be walked to from the Train Station. Service will be extended to Interfaith Towers and Poughkeepsie Train Station in a one way loop after serving the Hub.

M – Eastside Shuttle <i>(Formerly CM)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The route will be extended to the Hub and Family Partnerships Center and cover the northern half of Route CP. • Route redesigned to operate every 60 minutes between 6:40 a.m. and 8:40 p.m., Monday-Friday and 8:15 a.m. and 7:40 p.m. on Saturday between Poughkeepsie & Middle High School & the Hub via Mansion & Hudson Sts, Poughkeepsie Gardens, Hudson Garden Apartments, Maplewood Apartments, Philip Allen Swartz Apartments & Innis Ave. • No service provided to Fox Hills neighborhood (use Dial-A-Ride) or Dutchess Community College (use Routes C or H). • Service will be extended to Interfaith Towers and Poughkeepsie Train Station in a one way loop before serving the Hub.
P – Westside Shuttle <i>(Formerly CP)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Route redesigned to operate two-way service every 60 minutes between 6:05 a.m. and 7:45 p.m., Monday-Friday and 7:35 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. on Saturday between Hub and Poughkeepsie Middle and High Schools, serving the southern half of current Route CP and western Poughkeepsie. • Service will be extended to Interfaith Towers and Poughkeepsie Train Station, both directions. • Service will serve at 134 Cannon Street.
CN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This route is discontinued, use Route L.
CO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This route is discontinued, use Route K.
Dial-A-Ride	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An extra Dial-A-Ride bus will be added to the City of Poughkeepsie on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during peak times. • Same day reservations will be allowed for a premium fare of \$7.00 or reservations can be made the next day up to 30 days in advance with a new fare structure – see below. • Application for Dial-A-Ride can be done on the telephone by calling & registering for service.
Poughkeepsie RailLink	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add bus stop at Vassar College (North Parking Lot).

Fare Changes

- Implement a new transfer policy of 30 cents to all routes, as long as it is not the same route, for all customers up to 180 minutes.
- Implement a 1-Day Pass for regular customers for \$5.00 and reduced customers for \$2.50. Customers would need to ride the bus three times to receive value.
- Create a 7-Day Pass for \$10.50 and 31-Day Pass for \$31.00 for reduced customers.
- Eliminate the 3-Day Pass, 5-Day Pass and the 20-Ride Reduced Ticket.
- Allow Metro-North UniTicket Passes to be used on all routes serving a Metro-North station on Hudson & Harlem Lines upon approval by Metro-North.
- Clarify what “Student” means – A person attending elementary to college showing a school ID.
- Vassar College employees and students are able to ride Dutchess County Public Transit for free by showing a Vassar College ID.
- Implement a new Dial-A-Ride fare of \$1.00 for seniors (60 years old and older), veterans and persons with disabilities showing a Medicare card or Special Transit ID card. All other customers would continue to pay \$3.50 and same day service will be \$7.00 on Poughkeepsie Dial-A-Ride only.

Other Service Enhancements – Throughout 2018

- No service on New Years, Memorial, Independence, Labor, Thanksgiving & Christmas Days. Saturday service operates on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., President's, Day after Thanksgiving, Veterans, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve Days.
- Use electronic messages boards at the Hub and provide real time information.
- Update destination signs on all buses with new destinations.
- Relaunch App and place route/fare information in Google, Bing, Apple Maps and MapQuest.
- Road Supervisors will be available at the Hub for two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon to monitor the Hub.
- Route K will stop in front of ShopRite and Price Chopper each with a bus stop sign.
- Start the process to transition to a bus stop system on Routes H, J, K, L, M and P by July 2018 and eliminate the flag stop system.
- Create a new Rider's Guide by March 2018 with all routes and schedules in one book.

Talk with the County Transit Administrator about the proposed changes: Friday, December 22, 2017 and Friday, January 5, 2018 at Poughkeepsie Transit Hub between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.