



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

# News Release

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## **Bus Route changes coming to Wheaton area starting Sunday, December 17**

*In step with the Wheaton Downtown Revitalization Project, several Ride On and Metrobus routes are being altered and some bus stops relocated*

Several Ride On and Metrobus routes in the Wheaton Downtown area will be changed and some bus stops will be relocated starting Sunday, December 17, as Montgomery County's transportation system keeps in step with the Wheaton Downtown Revitalization Project that will be ongoing through 2020.

Over the next three years, the Wheaton Revitalization Project will be transforming Wheaton's central business district with mixed-use, transit-oriented development. The project will provide a new 14-story Montgomery County Government office building, about 400 below ground parking spaces, retail and residential space and a new town square. The most significant area impacted during construction is the Wheaton Triangle area between Veirs Mill Road and Georgia Avenue. The local roads of the Triangle area include Grandview Avenue, Reedie Drive and Triangle Lane.

More than 90 businesses in the Triangle Area will remain open during construction, but the project will necessitate altering some of the bus routes.

No bus routes have been eliminated, but their paths have been somewhat altered. The affected bus routes are:

- Ride On Routes 7, 8, 9 and 31.
- Metrobus Routes C2, C4, Y2, Y7 and Y8.

The locations of the new bus stops are:

- Near the southwest corner of University Boulevard and Fern Street.
- On the east side of Grandview Avenue at Kensington Boulevard.

The route changes necessitated the elimination of the following bus stops:

- Amherst Avenue: Metrobus Stop ID: 2000519; Ride On Stop ID: 20022.

- Georgia Avenue: Metrobus Stop ID: 2000507.
- Georgia Avenue: Metrobus Stop ID: 2000525, Ride On Stop ID: 22770.
- Reddie Drive: Metrobus Stop ID: 2005422, Ride On Stop ID: 25238.

Ride On RealTime will reflect the bus stop changes beginning January 8 (the Ride On service change date). Routes 7, 8, 9, and 31 are changing on December 17 to coincide with the Metrobus service change date.

The Wheaton Revitalization Project will create a more walkable, pedestrian friendly community with access to public open space. The project aims to increase use of the Wheaton Metro Station, reduce traffic congestion, increase employment opportunities and services in the area as well as introduce outdoor entertainment opportunities on the new town square.

Construction in the area began in June. The bus route changes are necessary because future construction operations will cause a portion of Reddie Drive (between Grandview Avenue and Georgia Avenue) to be closed to buses as of December 17.

Additional information is available in English and Spanish at [wheatonproject.com](http://wheatonproject.com).

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