



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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AGENDA

Joint TMD Advisory Committee
Friendship Heights / Silver Spring / Greater Shady Grove / Bethesda / North Bethesda

May 21, 2025
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Teams Format

I. Welcome

II. WMATA – Better Bus Network Launch

Allison Davis
WMATA Senior VP, Planning and Program Development
Reem Rayef
WMATA Project Manager - Government Relations

III. Commuter Services Announcements
- Commuter Survey

Sande Brecher
Chief – MCDOT Commuter
Jim Carlson

IV. Around the Room Announcements

All

V. Adjourn

Information Items

Transportation schedule for Memorial Day Holiday, Monday May 26

Ride On bus service changes, Sunday June 29

Montgomery County encourages local workers and residents to complete Commuter Survey



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Transportation Schedule for Memorial Day Holiday on Monday, May 26

For Immediate Release: Monday, May 19, 2025



Below is the transportation-related holiday schedule for Memorial Day, Monday, May 26.

- County offices - Will be closed.
- Ride On bus service - Will operate on a Sunday schedule. For routes that operate on Sunday, a Sunday schedule is provided.
- Ride On extRa route 101 (on Rockville Pike) and Flexbus service - Will not be in service.
- Ride On extRa Pink and Lime routes - Will operate on a Sunday schedule (every 30 minutes).
- Ride On Flashbus service - Will operate on a Weekend/Holiday schedule (Orange Route only). The Blue Route (typically, weekday only) will not be in service.
- TRiPS Commuter Store at Silver Spring Transit Center - Will be open 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.
- TRiPS Mobile Commuter Store - Will be closed.

- Parking at Bethesda, Silver Spring and Wheaton public garages, lots and curbside meters - Will be free.
- Metrorail service - Will operate on a Sunday/Holiday schedule from 7 a.m. to midnight. View timetables at wmata.com/schedules/timetables.
- Metrobus service - Will operate on a Sunday schedule. View timetables at wmata.com/schedules/timetables.
- MARC Train - Not in service. For more information visit mta.maryland.gov/marc-holiday-service.
- MTA Commuter Buses - Not in service except for Route 201 which will operate on a Weekend/Holiday "S" schedule. For more information visit mta.maryland.gov/memorial-day-service.

Additional County schedule changes will be posted at montgomerycountymd.gov.

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Widespread Ride On Bus Service Changes on Sunday, June 29

For Immediate Release: Wednesday, May 14, 2025



Montgomery County's Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is preparing to launch a major transformation of the MCDOT Ride On bus system through the Ride On Reimagined Service and Implementation Plan. This plan marks the most comprehensive update in Ride On's history and is a result of years of planning, community input and coordination with our regional partners. Ride On's usual May service change has been moved to Sunday, June 29 to ensure a seamless rollout and better alignment with the implementation of WMATA's Better Bus Network, also launching on June 29. The new transportation network will introduce streamlined connections to Metro, as well as route and timing adjustments based on public feedback and travel patterns.

Riders can learn more about how changes may affect them by reviewing Ride On's final summary of changes. The new schedules will be available at RideOnBus.com by Monday, May 19 and in print starting Sunday, June 15.

Additionally, a comprehensive list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the MCDOT Ride On changes is available to help riders understand what's changing, why it's happening and how it may impact their commutes. Riders will notice new routes, discontinued or modified routes, and new travel options designed to reduce wait times, and improve reliability and access to jobs, schools, medical centers and other essential destinations.

The FAQs include:

- New Route Numbers and Changes: Which routes are being renamed, combined or discontinued.

- Service Frequency: How often buses will arrive.
- Route Discontinuation: Explains decisions based on ridership data, duplication with other services, or better alternatives being introduced.
- Metrobus Integration: Details on how Ride On coordinated with WMATA to enhance regional connections.

The full details on the Metrobus changes occurring at the same time can be found online. Metro also released a Frequently Asked Questions page.

Specific Changes

Beginning on Sunday, June 29, MCDOT Ride On will discontinue Route 10, adjust routes 34, 41, 42, and introduce a new Route 40, while WMATA adjusts routes L8 and T2. WMATA will replace the Route 10 with Metrobus routes M12, M42, M44 and M60. Riders are encouraged to review these changes carefully and plan trips accordingly.

The changes reflect a shift of resources to allow for more reliable service where demand is higher. New signs will be placed at bus stops which will continue to show the current bus service, along with the new bus route names that will go into effect on Sunday, June 29.

Riders can plan trips and get real-time MCDOT Ride On bus arrival information with the Ride On Trip Planner app.

For the most up-to-date bus service information, riders should follow @RideOnMCT on X, Bluesky, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. In addition, information is available at rideonbus.com, by subscribing to receive email alerts or by texting MONTGOMERY RIDEON to 468311 to receive text alerts.

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Montgomery County Encourages Local Workers and Residents to Complete Commuter Survey

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The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is currently conducting an online travel survey to assess commuting patterns within the County and encourages residents to complete it. The data collected will help shape the future of transportation within the County. MCDOT is surveying employees of County businesses with 25 employees or more, and individuals who live in multi-family buildings such as apartments or condominiums within the County's six Transportation Management Districts—Downtown Bethesda, North Bethesda, Downtown Silver Spring, Friendship Heights, Greater Shady Grove and White Oak.

"If you got this survey, please take the time to fill it out," said Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich. "It helps us understand how people are getting around and where we need to do better. It's quick, and the information can make a difference."

MCDOT's Commuter Services Section conducts the travel survey every two years. The feedback helps transportation planners understand how commuters get to work. Participants age 18 or older who complete the survey will be entered into a weekly drawing to win a \$25 gift card and a grand prize drawing for a \$250 gift card.

"The survey data helps us develop incentive programs for alternate modes of transportation such as FareShare, which provides rebates for commuters and free parking for carpools," said MCDOT Director Chris Conklin.

FareShare provides employees working within Montgomery County up to \$325 a month to cover expenses incurred using Ride On bus, Metrobus, Metrorail, MTA Commuter bus or MARC train. It also covers expenses for vanpools, as long as the employee commutes to and from a workplace within Montgomery County. Employers must contribute \$25 per month per employee receiving the benefit.

The survey link was distributed directly to selected employers and property managers. Individuals who received the survey are encouraged to complete it by the May 31 deadline.

Employees of local businesses can learn more about Commuter Services programs by visiting MCDOT's Commuter Services website. For questions about the survey, contact MCDOT Commuter Services at 240-777-8380 or email commuter.services@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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