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DART service changes take place this Sunday, Aug. 20

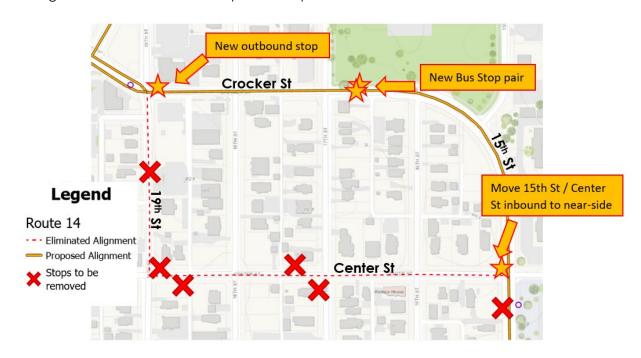
Schedule adjustments on several bus routes aim to better support workforce commuters across Central Iowa, as well as DMPS students and staff

GREATER DES MOINES, IA – Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) will make minor changes to services on select routes beginning Sunday, August 20. The following routes will be impacted as part of this regularly scheduled service change, with additional details below:

- Local Route 14 Beaver Ave
- Local Route 17 Hubbell Ave/Altoona
- Express Route 92 Hickman
- Express Route 93 NW 86th
- Express Route 95 Vista
- Express Route 98 Ankeny
- Express Route 99 Altoona
- School tripper services on several Local Routes

Route 14 - Beaver Ave

Riders will see changes to this route in the Sherman Hill neighborhood. A portion of the route will be removed including along 19th Street from Crocker to Center Street, and along Center Street from 19th to 15th Street. Alternatively, the removed portion will be replaced with travel and new stops along Crocker Street to the corner of 15th and Center Street, then continuing along the existing route as normal. See a map of the impacted area:



"We know our customers depend on DART to get where they need to go, whether for work, medical needs, groceries, education or leisure," said DART's Chief Planning Officer, Luis Montoya. "Tweaking the route and schedule for Route 14 allows us to better serve our customers by improving on-time performance."

Local Route 17 – Hubbell Ave/Altoona

The 7 a.m. inbound trip, which only operated on school days in the morning, will be removed from the schedule. All other trips will remain, and the route will continue to operate at a 30-minute interval on weekdays.

Express Routes 92, 93, 95, 98 and 99

Each of these routes will have one or more trip times shift slightly in order to better support commuters. The specific changes taking place are as follows:

- Express Route 92 Hickman: The current 3:40 p.m. trip will instead leave Downtown at 3:55 p.m. and the 4:45 p.m. trip will instead leave Downtown at 4:55 p.m.
- Express Route 93 NW 86th: The current 3:37 p.m. trip will instead leave Downtown at 3:50 p.m. and the current 5:15 p.m. trip will instead leave Downtown at 5:20 p.m.
- Express Route 95 Vista: The current 7:15 a.m. trip will instead leave Jordan Creek Town Center at 7:10 a.m.
- Express Route 98 Ankeny: The current 3:40 p.m. trip will instead leave Downtown at 3:50 p.m.
- Express Route 99 Altoona: The current 3:39 p.m. trip will instead leave Downtown at 4 p.m. and the current 4:43 p.m. trip will instead leave Downtown at 4:58 p.m.

School service

DART adds <u>school service</u> on certain Local Routes in the morning and afternoon to help transport Des Moines Public Schools (DMPS) students and staff to and from school during the academic year. Routes for school trippers operate Monday through Friday on school days and are open to the public.

Thanks to a grant from Principal® Foundation, all North High School and Harding Middle School students can ride DART to school for free for the 2023-24 school year as part of a pilot to observe how transit access impacts academic outcomes.

DMPS participates in DART's <u>Unlimited Access program</u>, which allows staff to ride DART free anytime and all middle and high school students can ride DART for free weekdays after 4:30 p.m., anytime on weekends and on days school is not in session. DMPS also assigns some middle and high school students to DART routes for their school transportation. More information about DART's partnership with DMPS is available on DART's <u>website</u>.

New schedules

The new schedules for each of these routes are available on DART's website and paper schedules are accessible for riders both on buses and at DART Central Station.

Learn more at ridedart.com/August.

ABOUT DART

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) is lowa's largest, and only, regional transit agency, providing service in and around Polk County. DART operates a family of transportation services, providing nearly 3 million annual rides that connect thousands of people every day to jobs, school, healthcare and other essential destinations. Twelve member governments make up DART's service area, where the agency carries out its mission to enrich lives, connect communities and expand opportunities for Central Iowans. For more information about DART services, schedules, route changes, or directions to the nearest DART stop, visit the website at ridedart.com, download the free MyDART app or call 515-283-8100.