

# **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

## **WAUKESHA TRANSIT COMMISSION**

### **Proposed Service Changes Effective Monday, June 2, 2025**

A public hearing has been scheduled by the City of Waukesha Transit Commission for **Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 5:30pm in the Common Council Chambers at Waukesha City Hall, 201 Delafield Street, Waukesha**, for the purpose of considering proposed service changes including combining Routes 7, 8 and 7/8 to operate as a new Route 8 and combining Routes 2, 3 and 2/3 to be operated as a new Route 3 as well as other minor routing and service changes effective June 2, 2025. The changes are designed to make the service more efficient and were a major component of the Transit Commission's portion of the City of Waukesha's Financial Management Plan.

At the hearing, the Waukesha Transit Commission will afford an opportunity for interested parties to be heard with respect to the route revisions. Comments may also be submitted up to the time of the public hearing via e-mail at [transit@waukesha-wi.gov](mailto:transit@waukesha-wi.gov) or via mail to Waukesha Metro Transit, Public Hearing Comments, 2311 Badger Drive, Waukesha, WI 53188.

**Combining Routes 7, 8 and 7/8.** This is being proposed due to the closure of the UW-Milwaukee at Waukesha campus which will occur in May 2025. When the UW-Milwaukee at Waukesha closes, ridership on the two mile segment on Route 8 north of Summit is expected to average less than one trip a day as the bus stops north of Summit Ave aside from the UW-Milwaukee campus have extremely low ridership. In addition, Route 7 has low ridership averaging only 36 trips per weekday. The proposal is to operate Route 8 like the current Route 7/8 weekend with the exception that Route 8 would not operate to Waukesha Memorial Hospital East Entrance and instead stay on Lawndale Ave due to safety reasons. The new Route 8 would operate the same routing seven days a week (Monday-Sunday). The current Route 7 school route serving Butler Middle School would continue to operate the same, however, it would be renamed Route 8 effective the 2025-26 School Year.

**Combining Routes 2, 3 and 2/3.** It is proposed that Route 3 would continue to operate as it currently does outbound from the Transit Center to Target on Kossow Rd and inbound from Target to Springdale Rd. by the Westbrook Shopping Center. From Springdale Rd/ Route 3 would operate south to E. Moreland Blvd (Hwy 18) then west on E. Moreland Blvd. to Manhattan Drive, then south on Manhattan to the Woodman's Food Market and route through Woodman's then back north on Manhattan to E. Moreland Blvd (Hwy 18) and then operate west on E. Moreland Blvd. resuming the current Route 3 routing to the Transit Center. Route 3 would operate one afternoon trip inbound to the Transit Center to serve Horning Middle School. There would be no service on Arcadian Ave as the vast majority of stops that generate ridership are 1 block to 1/3 of a mile of a Route 1 stop. Route 1 also serves Goodwill and Woodman's which make up 60% of the total Route 2 ridership.

The changes are also being proposed as Route 2 and 7 are paired and operated by one bus on weekdays alternating every 30 minutes so Route 2 would no longer have a paired route. The new Route 3 would operate the same pattern every day (Monday-Saturday). Route 3 ridership north of Moreland Blvd. is relatively low and can be served in one direction aside from the afternoon trip serving Horning Middle School. Last, Route 2 has lower ridership averaging 50 rides per weekday.

**Minor Routing Changes.**

**Route 6.** Route 6 is being proposed to stay on St. Paul Ave in downtown Waukesha instead of operating on North St. The outbound routing would operate from the Transit Center then on Brehm St. and then St. Paul Ave from Brehm St. to Kensington Dr. and then resume the current routing on Kensington Dr.

**Route 15.** The following changes to Route 15 are proposed to make the route more efficient: operate to Meijer in the outbound direction only, operate on Big Bend Rd. to Garfield Ave to East Ave, bypassing Big Bend and East Ave south of Garfield and Rivera Dr. on the inbound trip, and only operate on East Ave. north of Sunset, Roberta Ave and Tenny Ave. on weekdays before and after school to serve Waukesha South High.

The proposed route revision maps are available on the Waukesha Metro Transit website, [www.waukeshametro.org](http://www.waukeshametro.org) and are posted at the Transit Center.

**Proposed Elimination of Trips**

In addition, the following trips are proposed to be eliminated due to low ridership:

	<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>Route 3</b>	6:45 pm	6:50 pm	
<b>Route 4</b>	5:43 am	8:50 pm	6:50 pm
<b>Route 5</b>	7:15 pm	6:50 pm	
<b>Route 6</b>	6:45 pm	6:34 pm, 7:20 pm	
<b>Route 8</b>	5:25 am		6:20 PM
<b>Route 15</b>		5:50 pm	

Any person that has a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act that requires the hearing to be in an accessible format should contact the Transit Manager at the address above or telephone 262.524.3636 by no later than January 3, 2025 so that arrangements may be made to accommodate your request.