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Board Approves 2012 Service Plan

At its Sept. 1 meeting, the Community Transit Board of Directors selected the “hybrid” alternative as the service plan to go into effect in February 2012.

Due to low sales tax revenues, Community Transit will cut bus service by 20 percent in 2012. More than 2,000 public comments were received on the three alternative service plans presented this summer. Based on those comments and board guidance, a hybrid alternative combining the local service network from Alternative III and the commuter service network from Alternative I, with some modifications, was created. This is the plan the board adopted. This plan **does not** restore Sunday service.

Details about how your route will be affected are available at www.communitytransit.org/2012changes. While the service plan has been decided, there is a great deal of work that now goes into finalizing stops, connections and schedules. This work will take a couple of months to complete. A full public education effort will take place this winter to help riders understand the changes well before the cuts go into effect on Feb. 20, 2012.

Join the Conversation

Many riders are commenting about the service change decision and discussing how they may use the service after the changes take effect. Join the conversation on the Community Transit blog at www.communitytransit.blogspot.com and on Community Transit’s Facebook page.

Public Hearing on 2012 Budget

For the fourth consecutive year, Community Transit is making program cuts as a result of the economic recession. The agency’s 2012 budget includes significant employee layoffs both related to the service cuts and related to other program reductions.

A public hearing on the proposed 2012 Budget will be held at the regular monthly meeting of the Board

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of Directors at 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3. The meeting will take place in the Community Transit Board Room at 7100 Hardeson Road, Everett, 98203, accessible by Everett Transit Route 8.

An overview of the proposed budget will be given at the Board of Directors' October meeting, which will take place at 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6 in the Community Transit Board Room. A summary of the budget will be posted on our website at least one week prior to the November hearing.

Edmonds Station Opens For Bus Service

Beginning Oct. 3, Community Transit Routes 110 and 116 will serve the new Edmonds Station platform, making it easier to connect with Sounder train service and avoiding the sometimes troublesome crossing of the railroad tracks. Rider alerts will inform local customers of the changes. Meanwhile, Routes 131 and 416 will continue to serve the ferry terminal bus stop on Railroad Avenue directly across the railroad tracks from the Edmonds Station. These two routes will also directly serve bus stops at the senior center and the Harbor Square bus stop on Dayton Street.

Sound Transit Service Changes

Sound Transit has a service change that takes effect Oct. 2. Among those changes:

- Route 510 will add a 6:40 a.m. southbound trip weekdays and has some minor time adjustments.
- Route 512 northbound trips are all shifted to 5 minutes later.
- Route 513 has some minor time adjustments.
- Route 532 will discontinue the 3:15 p.m. southbound trip weekdays.
- Routes 532 and 535, Canyon Park Park & Ride will become an estimated timepoint, meaning buses could be slightly earlier or later than the time listed.

Please see the new Sound Transit schedule books for full details.



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