



WASHINGTON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Free fares being offered on public transit to limit rider and driver interaction.
Freedom Transit to further reduce fixed route service in midst of COVID-19 pandemic.**

Beginning Monday, April 6th fares will no longer be collected for any of the Fixed Route or Shared Ride programs offered by Freedom Transit to limit the interaction between the driver and riders boarding the vehicle.

On Tuesday, April 7th the Pittsburgh Metro route will undergo further service reduction due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Pittsburgh Metro runs that will be in service are listed below:

- Inbound, run 3- 5:45 AM to 7:30 AM
- Outbound, run 4- 7:45 AM to 9:10 AM

- Inbound, run 15- 2:20 PM to 3:40 PM
- Outbound, run 16- 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

At this time the Local A, Local B, Local Saturday, and Metro Saturday routes will operate as normal.

On Monday, March 23rd Freedom Transit implemented limited service runs for the Pittsburgh Metro route and temporarily discontinued the County Line A & B routes. In place of the County Line routes, shared ride service was made available to County Line riders who need transportation along the route. In addition to reduced service, Washington Transit Center lobby and waiting area closed to deter riders from gathering in one common area.

Fixed route riders are encouraged to limit their use of transit to trips that are essential for getting to work, necessary grocery shopping, medical purposes, and meal distribution sites.

Shared Ride service continues to be offered for essential trips only including work, meal distribution sites, necessary grocery shopping, and medical purposes.

All buses in the fleet are being sanitized on a daily basis to help stop the spread of illness while on board the vehicle. Riders who utilize Freedom Transit's public transit services are encouraged to practice social distancing while on board the vehicle.

If you have any questions on current public transportation services in Washington County please call the Freedom Transit office at (724) 223-8747.