

The following changes will take effect on February 7, 2010, addressing current economic challenges, while continuing to provide service to all CTA service areas.

Service reductions were designed to retain as much service as possible while reducing costs and maximizing efficiency. The only route eliminations are nine express routes that have corresponding local service. All parts of the region that have CTA service will continue to have it. Savings will be realized through less frequent service and service that might start later in the morning or end earlier at night.

For information on changes to rail service and eliminated express bus routes, see the panels below. For information on bus routes with changes to hours of service and/or service frequency, see the chart on the reverse side of this brochure.

Eliminated Bus Routes

The following nine express bus routes are being eliminated. For alternate service, use the local bus route that runs parallel to the former express bus route.

- #X3 King Drive Express
- #X4 Cottage Grove Express
- #X9 Ashland Express
- #X20 Washington/Madison Express
- #X49 Western Express
- #X54 Cicero Express
- #X55 Garfield Express
- #53AL South Pulaski Limited
- #X80 Irving Park Express

Affected Rail Service

The hours of service on all eight rail lines is being maintained. However, service will run less frequently on weekdays, Saturdays, and Sundays/holidays on these seven rail lines:

- Red Line**
- Orange Line**
- Green Line**
- Blue Line**
- Purple Line**
- Pink Line**
- Brown Line**

Although service during weekday rush periods will remain near current frequency, you may experience more crowded conditions. Trains will run less frequently during off-peak times.

Dear Customers:

On February 7, 2010, CTA bus service will be reduced by 18% and rail service will be reduced by 9%. Like almost every other transit system in the country, the CTA funds a significant portion of its bus and rail service from tax subsidies. Service reductions are now necessary because the revenues that help subsidize CTA service are tied to sales and real estate transfer taxes, which are both down significantly due to the recession. By managing responsibly and making very difficult but necessary decisions, the CTA will have a balanced budget for 2010 as required by law.

The CTA drastically cut operational spending in 2009 and we're doing even more in 2010. We've reduced costs on materials and fuel, we're more efficiently managing contracts and department budgets, we've eliminated vacancies and are enforcing strict controls on overtime. For the fourth consecutive year, our non-union employees will receive no increase in their take-home pay. They will also be required to take up to 18 days without pay.

Because nearly 90% of the workforce is unionized, the CTA has tried to work with leaders of the Amalgamated Transit Union's Locals 241 and 308 and trade union representatives to implement similar cost-saving measures with our union workforce. The CTA asked the unions to consider furlough days, deferring 3.5% annual wage increases, accepting changes in health benefits or otherwise working with the CTA to reduce labor costs in order to balance the budget without significant service reductions. Although it is extremely difficult to ask dedicated employees to forego or delay raises or other benefits, our goal was to keep people employed during these challenging economic times as well as maintain the service upon which you, our customers, rely. Unfortunately, we have been unable to reach an agreement with the unions so service reductions will go forward on February 7.

This brochure provides an overview of the reductions along with the changes in hours and frequency of service. They were designed to retain as much service as possible, while still reducing costs and maximizing efficiencies. The only routes eliminated are nine express routes that have corresponding local service. Although all parts of the region that have service currently will continue to have it, there will be shorter hours on 41 routes and less frequent service on 119 routes. Unfortunately, most customers will experience more crowded conditions and longer wait times between buses and trains.

We greatly regret the difficulty these service reductions will cause for our riders and the hardship the corresponding layoffs will cause for more than 1,000 employees and their families. However, until the economy rebounds and tax revenues begin to grow, we must reduce our operating costs.

We are hopeful that as the economy improves, so will our revenues so that we may begin to restore service levels. Public transit is an essential regional resource. We will continue to work diligently with regional leaders, as well as our elected officials in Springfield and Washington D.C. to prioritize robust, long-term funding of mass transit. A healthy transit system curbs traffic congestion and pollution while improving mobility, economic competitiveness and the quality of life for all the people in the region.

Sincerely,



Richard L. Rodriguez
President



Terry Peterson
Chairman



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Chicago Transit Authority

Bus and Rail Service Changes

Effective Sunday, February 7, 2010



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New Hours and Frequency of Service

Service will operate less frequently on 119 bus routes, of which 41 will also experience later start times, earlier end times, or both.

- Routes with a dash (—) listed in one or more day type columns will have no change to their current start or end times or to their frequency for that day.
- Routes with a closed circle (•) in a Frequency Change column will have frequency reductions during one or more periods that day. Routes with an open circle (◦) in the “weekday” Frequency Change column will only have frequency reductions during periods when the express routes they formerly paralleled (see list of eliminated express routes on reverse side) did not operate.

Service hours below are condensed. For direction-specific start/end times, and detailed frequency change information, go to transitchicago.com or call CTA Customer Service.

| Route Name | New Service Hours | | | Days with Frequency Changes | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|----------|----------------|
| | Weekday | Saturday | Sunday/Holiday | Weekday | Saturday | Sunday/Holiday |
| 1 Indiana/Hyde Park | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 2 Hyde Park Express | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 3 King Drive | — | — | — | ◦ | • | • |
| 4 Cottage Grove | — | — | — | ◦ | • | • |
| 6 Jackson Park Express | 4am – 12:30am | 4:45am – 12:30am | 5:50am – 12:30am | • | • | • |
| 7 Harrison | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 8 Halsted | 4am – 12:30am | 4:05am – 12:30am | 4:05am – 12:40am | • | • | • |
| 8A South Halsted | — | — | — | • | • | • |
| 9 Ashland | — | — | — | ◦ | • | • |
| 11 Lincoln/Sedgwick | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 12 Roosevelt | 4:10am – 12:30am | 4:05am – 12:30am | 4:15am – 12:40am | • | • | • |
| 14 Jeffery Express | 4:25am – 10:30pm | 5:45am – 10:10pm | 6:45am – 9:25pm | • | • | • |
| 15 Jeffery Local | 4:25am – 12:30am | 5am – 12:45am | 5am – 1:30am | • | • | • |
| 18 16th/18th | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 20 Madison | — | — | — | ◦ | • | • |
| 21 Cermak | — | — | — | • | • | • |
| 22 Clark | — | — | — | • | • | • |
| 24 Wentworth | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 26 South Shore Express | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 28 Stony Island | 4am – 12:25am | 4:05am – 12:30am | 4:05am – 12:30am | • | • | • |
| X28 Stony Island Express | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 29 State | 4am – 12:30am | 4am – 12:30am | 4am – 12:30am | • | • | • |
| 30 South Chicago | 4:40am – 10:35pm | 4:55am – 10:20pm | 6:20am – 10:20pm | • | — | — |
| 34 South Michigan | — | — | — | • | • | • |
| 35 35th | 4am – 12:30am | 3:50am – 12:30am | 4am – 12:55am | • | • | — |
| 36 Broadway | 4am – 12:30am | 4:15am – 12:30am | 4:15am – 12:30am | • | • | • |
| 44 Wallace/Racine | 4:30am – 10:25pm | 8am – 6:45pm | 9am – 6:45pm | • | • | • |
| 47 47th | 4am – 12:40am | 4am – 12:40am | 4am – 12:30am | • | • | • |
| 48 South Damen | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 49 Western | — | — | — | ◦ | • | • |
| 49B North Western | 4:20am – 12:35am | 4:30am – 12:30am | 5:20am – 12:45am | • | • | • |
| 50 Damen | 5:35am – 9:20pm | 6:10am – 9:15pm | 6:05am – 9:20pm | • | • | • |
| 51 51st | — | — | — | • | • | • |
| 52 Kedzie/California | 4:30am – 10:30pm | 5am – 10:30pm | 5:55am – 10:20pm | • | • | • |
| 52A South Kedzie | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 53 Pulaski | — | — | — | • | • | • |
| 53A South Pulaski | 4:15am – 11:50pm | 5:20am – 10:30pm | 6:50am – 10:30pm | ◦ | • | • |
| 54 Cicero | 4am – 12:40am | 4am – 12:40am | 4am – 12:35am | ◦ | • | • |
| 54A North Cicero/Skokie Blvd. | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 54B South Cicero | — | — | — | • | • | • |
| 55 Garfield | — | — | — | ◦ | • | • |
| 55A 55th/Austin | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 55N 55th/Narragansett | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 56 Milwaukee | 4:30am – 10:30pm | 4:30am – 10:30pm | 4:30am – 10:30pm | • | • | • |
| 56A North Milwaukee | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 57 Laramie | — | — | — | • | • | — |
| 59 59th/61st | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 60 Blue Island/26th | — | — | — | • | • | • |
| 62 Archer | — | — | — | • | • | • |
| 62H Archer/Harlem | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 63 63rd | — | — | — | • | • | • |
| 63W West 63rd | 5am – 10:50pm | 5am – 10:30pm | 7am – 9:35pm | • | — | — |
| 64 Foster/Canfield | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 65 Grand | — | — | — | • | • | • |
| 66 Chicago | — | — | — | • | • | • |
| 67 67th/69th/71st | — | — | — | • | • | • |
| 68 Northwest Highway | — | — | — | • | • | — |
| 69 Cumberland/East River | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 70 Division | 4:50am – 10:30pm | 5am – 10:30pm | 5:05am – 10:20pm | • | • | • |
| 71 71st/South Shore | 4:25am – 12:20am | 4:45am – 12:30am | 5:40am – 12:35am | • | • | • |
| 72 North | 4am – 12:25am | 4:30am – 11pm | 6:30am – 10:40pm | • | • | • |
| 73 Armitage | — | — | — | • | • | — |
| 74 Fullerton | 3:55am – 12:30am | 4:15am – 12:30am | 6am – 12:30am | • | • | • |
| 75 74th/75th | 5am – 10:25pm | 5:10am – 10:25pm | 5:10am – 10:20pm | • | • | • |
| 76 Diversey | 5:05am – 10:20pm | 6am – 9:15pm | 8am – 7:45pm | • | • | • |
| 77 Belmont | — | — | — | • | • | • |
| 78 Montrose | — | — | — | • | • | • |
| 79 79th | — | — | — | • | • | • |
| 80 Irving Park | 4:15am – 12:05am | 4:25am – 11:45pm | 5:25am – 11:50pm | ◦ | • | • |
| 81 Lawrence | — | — | — | • | • | • |
| 81W West Lawrence | 4:55am – 10:50pm | 4:50am – 10:50pm | 8:20am – 10:15pm | • | — | — |
| 82 Kimball/Homan | — | — | — | • | • | • |
| 84 Peterson | — | — | — | • | • | — |
| 85 Central | 4am – 12:30am | 4am – 12:30am | 4am – 12:30am | • | • | • |
| 85A North Central | 5:10am – 10:30pm | 5:50am – 7:30pm | — | • | — | — |
| 86 Narragansett/Ridgeland | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 87 87th | — | — | — | • | • | • |
| 88 Higgins | 4:45am – 10:55pm | 5:45am – 10:55pm | 6:45am – 10:55pm | • | • | • |
| 90 Harlem | — | — | — | • | • | • |
| 90N North Harlem | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 91 Austin | 4:30am – 10:35pm | 5:40am – 10:10pm | 6:25am – 10:10pm | • | • | • |
| 92 Foster | 4:30am – 10:30pm | 4:30am – 8:35pm | 5:30am – 8:35pm | • | • | • |
| 93 California/Dodge | — | — | — | • | • | — |
| 94 South California | — | — | — | • | • | — |
| 95E 93rd/95th | — | — | — | • | • | • |
| 95W West 95th | — | — | — | • | • | • |
| 96 Lunt | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 97 Skokie | 5:55am – 10:35pm | 6:30am – 8:30pm | 6:35am – 8:50pm | • | • | — |
| 100 Jeffery Manor Express | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 103 West 103rd | 5am – 11:10pm | 4:40am – 11:10pm | 6:05am – 11:05pm | • | — | — |
| 106 East 103rd | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 108 Halsted/95th | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 111 Pullman/111th/115th | 4:30am – 10:30pm | 4:50am – 10:30pm | 5:50am – 10:30pm | • | • | • |
| 112 Vincennes/111th | 4:30am – 10:50pm | 4:40am – 10:15pm | 5:10am – 10:20pm | • | • | • |
| 119 Michigan/119th | 4am – 12:40am | 5:40am – 12:50am | 6:10am – 12:30am | • | • | • |
| 120 Ogilvie/Wacker Express | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 121 Union/Wacker Express | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 122 Illinois Ctr/Ogilvie Express | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 123 Illinois Ctr/Union Express | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 124 Navy Pier | — | — | — | • | • | • |
| 125 Water Tower Express | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 126 Jackson | 5:25am – 10:30pm | 6:05am – 10:35pm | 6am – 10:35pm | • | • | • |
| 129 West Loop/South Loop | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 134 Stockton/LaSalle Express | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 135 Clarendon/LaSalle Express | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 136 Sheridan/LaSalle Express | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 143 Stockton/Michigan Express | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 144 Marine/Michigan Express | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 145 Wilson/Michigan Express | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 146 Inner Drive/Michigan Express | 5:50am – 10:30pm | 6:05am – 10:30pm | 6:05am – 10:30pm | • | • | • |
| 147 Outer Drive Express | 4:30am – 10:30pm | 5am – 10:30pm | 6am – 9:20pm | • | • | — |
| 148 Clarendon/Michigan Express | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 151 Sheridan | — | — | — | • | • | • |
| 152 Addison | — | — | — | • | • | • |
| 155 Devon | 4:55am – 12:30am | 4:55am – 12:30am | 5:20am – 12:30am | • | • | • |
| 156 LaSalle | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 157 Streeter/Taylor | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 205 Chicago/Golf | — | — | — | • | — | — |
| 206 Evanston Circulator | — | — | — | • | — | — |