

Summary of Proposed Changes

Notice of Public Hearings

Proposed Implementation Date of Changes: January 15, 2024

One (1) Public Hearings will be held:

- December 13, 2023, 9:00 AM Downtown Bus Transfer Station Platform, 500 B Church Street NW, Huntsville, Alabama 35801

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Route 3

It is proposed that Orbit Route 3 will no longer drive through the parking lots at CCI and the Huntsville VA off Markaview Road NW. Instead, it is proposed that new ADA Accessible bus stops be created (both northbound and southbound) on Markaview Road NW. Access vehicles will continue to serve customers door-to-door with Paratransit service.

Route 7

It is proposed that Orbit Route 7 will discontinue service on Max Luther Drive turning around in the parking lot of the County Health Department. Instead, it is proposed that a new ADA Accessible bus stop be created on the southbound side of Meridian Street @ Max Luther. The proposed new stop location is within a ¼ mile of the Health Department. Access vehicles will continue to serve customers door-to-door with Paratransit service to the Health Department.

It is also proposed that Orbit Route 7 be realigned to serve residents on Winchester Road NW in both directions from Blue Spring Road to Meridian Street. The proposal would eliminate service on a short segment of Medaris Road. This change would result in the bus stops along Medaris Road and Norwood Drive NW to be served by Route 8, instead of Route 7.

Route 8

It is proposed that Orbit Route 8 no longer serve the segment of Sparkman Drive from N Parkway to Blue Spring. Instead, Sparkman Drive will be served by the realigned new Route 9. Route 8's new outbound route pattern from the DT Transfer Station would be: North on Church, East on Pratt Ave, North on Washington, West on Oakwood, North on Blue Spring, East on Medaris Road to Norwood Circle, back to Medaris Road, South on Blue Spring to the Dr. Richard Showers Center. Inbound Route 8 service is proposed to match the same streets and turns as described above for the outbound service.

Route 9

It is proposed that Orbit Route 9 replace the service segment east and west on Oakwood Avenue from Pulaski Pike to Jordan lane with service on Sparkman Drive NW. The new service along Sparkman Drive is proposed to travel both directions from Washington Street to University Drive serving Walmart and the new N Huntsville Library in both directions. This change will also provide more convenient service for students, faculty and staff traveling to and from Oakwood University. The Downtown Rescue Mission at 1400 Evangel Drive will continue to be served with Route 9.

The proposed changes to Route 9 would eliminate the current route segment that travels south on Wynn Drive to west on Research Drive NW to Corporate Drive NW to Northbound Old Monrovia Road NW. Elderly and Disabled individuals traveling requiring access to the Social Security Office will continue to be served door-to-door with Access Paratransit Service.