



Summary of Route Changes

Fitchburg/Leominster Routes

- **Routes 1&3:** Realign route to access Monument Square via Mechanic Street instead of Water Street. Bus access through the Water Street and Whitney Street areas will be made up for on Route 8. Route 1 will leave Monument Sq and travel down Mechanic St and turn left on Fifth St, turn onto Spruce to access LaPierre East, turn onto Fourth and back out to Mechanic. It will travel down to the light at IC Credit Union and turn left onto Commercial Road and travel into the Whitney Field Mall, exiting the mall out Sack Blvd to Haws St and over to Route 13 and the Commuter Rail Station and proceed as normal from there. Route 3 will do the opposite.
- **Routes 2& 9:** The number of trips to Jytek Park will be reduced to around 7am and 3pm. Route 2 will go into Leominster Hospital and Water Tower Plaza going in both directions instead of just one so make up for the elimination of Route 10.
- **Routes 4, 5 & 6:** Route 4 does not run on Saturday. The recommendation is to implement Saturday service by interlining into Routes 5&6 like is done during the summer when Fitchburg State and Fitchburg High are not in session. No changes are being made to the structure of Routes 5 & 6 but there will be adjustments to the times better align with the end of school day and performance issues.
- **Routes 7&11:** There are no current changes to Route 7. Route 11 will be realigned to not go to Monty Tech, but instead go to Great Wolf Lodge and eventually to Wachusett Station when it is complete. The number of trips made to the Montachusett Industrial Park will be reduced to around 7am and 3pm.
- **Routes 8&10:** Route 10 will be discontinued since it is redundant to Route 2. Route 8 will be realigned to make up for the change to Route 1&3. Route 8 will exit Monument Square via Mechanic and take an immediate left onto Water Street and then a left onto Whitney St then a right on Haws and access the Whitney Field Mall via Reliant Medical entrance. It will then exit the mall out via Commercial Road at the light by IC Credit Union up the Leominster Connector up Route 2 to the Orchard Hill Park Plaza. On the way back it will enter the Mall again at Commercial Rd and go back to Monument Sq the way it came.

Gardner & Regional Routes

- **Routes 1&2:** Restructure and rename these existing routes to create two new circulator routes; one in the North and one in the South of the city. The new circulator routes would become interlined with one another with the transition points centered on the Gardner City Hall area. The combined interlined routes would still take an hour to complete and would still run opposite of one another; when one bus does the North route, the other bus will be doing the South route and vice versa. However the transition point would have a bus every 15-30 minutes depending on scheduling. The advantage is purely to the rider who will not have to ride throughout the entire city if the origin/destination lies within the same circle. But the option also remains to get from North to South without transferring to a different bus.