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Prince George's County's "TheBus" Increases Frequency on Active Bus Lines and Restores Service to Additional Routes

Largo, MD – Starting today, August 24, 2020, "TheBus" will increase frequencies on bus lines in operation during COVID-19 service reductions from 60 minutes to 30 to 40 minutes. This includes Routes 13 (West Hyattsville), 16 (Greenbelt/New Carrollton), 17 (Mt. Rainier/College Park), 28 (Woodmore), 30 (Branch Avenue/Southern Maryland Hospital), 33 (Southern Avenue/Camp Springs), 35 (Southern Avenue/National Harbor/Camp Springs), and 36 (Clinton/Brandywine). Routes 18, 20, 21, 24 and 32 will continue to operate under their current enhanced 30-minute schedules.

Collectively, these changes align with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) increases to Metrobus and Metrorail service that began on Sunday, August 23, 2020. Although "TheBus" is still operating at reduced levels due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these enhancements will enable residents, especially essential workers, to better connect to regional services.

The Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) is also reactivating service on Route 34 (Suitland/Whitehall Square/Capital Crossing), with buses arriving every 15 minutes during 6am to 6pm and every 30 minutes during off-peak hours (9am to 3pm).

Additionally, Route 53 (Upper Marlboro) will merge with Route 51 (Courthouse/Upper Marlboro). On the newly revamped Route 51, buses will arrive every 30 minutes and provide service around the greater downtown Upper Marlboro area, including John Rogers Boulevard and Village Drive West. A new peak hour only service (Route 51X) will operate solely between the Courthouse, County Administration Building and the

Equestrian Center to handle anticipated demand from employees and visitors to the Courthouse complex.

Reminders for customers

Customers are reminded that face coverings are required when traveling on “TheBus” and passengers must board through the rear doors, except persons with disabilities and those with mobility devices and strollers. Customers can visit <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1122/Maps-Schedules> to access maps, schedules and other information.

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