

# **FALL SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS**

## Effective August 25, 2024

The following CT *transit* and CT *fastrak* bus routes will experience route and/or schedule changes effective Sunday, August 25, 2024:

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## **NEW ROUTES**

With the support from Governor Ned Lamont and the Connecticut Legislature, the Connecticut Department of Transportation and CT *transit* are pleased to announce three new bus routes servicing Hartford, New Haven, and Meriden areas:

## 125 - Hartford/Berlin Turnpike

We are dedicated to enhancing your travel experience to the Berlin Turnpike from Hartford. With the introduction of the new Route 125, you can look forward to a more efficient and streamlined journey, ensuring you easily reach your destination.

CT *fastrak* Route 125 is a new bus route that will operate between downtown Hartford and the Berlin Turnpike via the CT *fastrak* guideway. It will seamlessly replace the mix of services currently provided by Routes 45X, 47B, 69, and 907, ensuring a smooth transition and uninterrupted service. Your daily commute will remain consistent and reliable.

Route 125 will operate all day, 7 days a week, ensuring you can travel conveniently. Buses will serve all major destinations along the Berlin Turnpike, including Kitts Lane, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT), Turnpike Plaza (Price Chopper), Target, Walmart, Pane Road (Best Buy), and Newington Fair (Stew Leonard's/Burlington). Route 125 will also serve the Newington Park & Ride and Eversource part-time on weekdays, providing reliable and frequent service.

Best of all, travel times between downtown Hartford and most destinations along the Berlin Turnpike are comparable to current Route 47B and about 10 minutes faster on average than Route 69.

### 262 - New Haven/Orange/CT Post Mall

CT *transit* Route 262 is a new bus route providing limited-stop service between downtown New Haven and CT Post Mall via I-95 and the Orange Business District.

Route 262 will operate hourly, 7 days a week, and serve new destinations, including the VA Errera Community Care Center, Edison Road, FedEx, United Illuminating, Marsh Hill Road, Connair Road, and Oyster River Business Park.

### 567 - Meriden/Wallingford

CT *transit* Route 567 is a new bus route providing local service between downtown Meriden and the Wallingford Railroad Station via Research Parkway.

Route 567, operating hourly all day, 7 days a week, provides additional service to destinations along Research Parkway currently served by Route 566 and introduces new destinations with the new Route 567. These include the USPS Wallingford Sort Center, the Amazon BDL5 Fulfillment Center, Connecticut Foodshare, and more, offering you the opportunity to explore new areas in the Meriden and Wallingford regions.

Route 567 will connect at Meriden Transit Center with CT *transit* local and express bus service, River Valley Transit service to Middletown, and the CT *rail* Hartford Line. At Wallingford Railroad Station, the schedule for

Route 567 is timed to meet Route 215 to enable quick and easy connections for customers traveling through Wallingford and to North Haven and New Haven. Connections are also available with Wallingford local buses and the CT *rail* Hartford Line.

## **DISCONTINUED ROUTES**

The following bus routes are being discontinued and replaced with other services:

## 45 - Berlin Turnpike

Route 45, which currently provides service to the Berlin Turnpike on a limited schedule, will be discontinued. **Customers will instead be serviced by the new** CT *fastrak* **Route 125.** Although travel times between downtown Hartford and the Berlin Turnpike will be about 14 minutes longer on Route 125 compared to Route 45, customers will benefit from more frequent service all day, 7 days a week on the new Route 125.

#### 140 - CCSU Connector

CT *fastrak* Route 140 will be discontinued. This route connects Newington Junction, Cedar Street, and East Street Stations with the CCSU campus.

**Customers traveling to CCSU from Cedar Street or East Street Stations will have access to more frequent service on** CT *fastrak* Route 144 instead. Buses on Route 144 will operate every 40 minutes on weekdays instead of once an hour. **Additional service to the CCSU campus will continue to be provided by** CT *fastrak* Route 128 and CT *transit* Route 507.

CT *transit* Route 69 will now provide service to Fenn Road all day on weekdays and Saturdays. Convenient connections with Route 69 will be available at Newington Junction and Cedar Street Stations.

## 907 - Hartford/Newington Express

Route 907, which currently provides express service between the Newington Park & Ride and downtown Hartford three times on weekday mornings and three times on weekday afternoons, will be discontinued. Customers will instead be serviced by the new CT fastrak Route 125.

Route 125 buses will depart the Newington Park & Ride headed to downtown Hartford every 30 to 40 minutes from 6:08 to 11:38 a.m. Return trips to the Newington Park & Ride will depart Main Street & Atheneum Square every 30 to 40 minutes from 12:15 to 6:15 p.m. Although travel times between downtown Hartford and the Newington Park & Ride will be slightly longer on Route 125 compared to Route 907, customers will benefit from more frequent service and lower fares (\$1.75 local fare vs. \$3.20 express).

## **PARK & RIDE FACILITY CHANGES**

Bus service to the following Park & Ride facilities is being discontinued:

### Country Club Road Park & Ride, Middletown

CT *transit* will discontinue bus service to the Country Club Road Park & Ride (I-91 Exit 20, Middletown) effective August 24, 2024. Route 919 customers traveling to Hartford are encouraged to use the Bee Street Park & Ride or the Industrial Park Road Park & Ride instead. The one-way cash fare from Bee Street to Hartford is \$4.10 (3 zones), and the fare from Industrial Park Road to Hartford is \$3.20 (2 zones). Route 950 customers traveling to New Haven are encouraged to use the Industrial Park Road Park & Ride instead. The fare from Industrial Park Road to New Haven is \$5.00 (4 zones). Please note that the Country Club Road Park & Ride will remain available for carpooling and ridesharing.

### **Granby Congregational Park & Ride, Granby**

CT *transit* will discontinue bus service to the Granby Congregational Park & Ride (CT 189 & North Church Road) effective August 24, 2024. Route 912 customers traveling to Hartford are encouraged to use the State Sand Pit Park & Ride instead. The one-way cash fare from the State Sand Pit to Hartford is \$4.10 (3 zones).

### **ROUTE & SCHEDULE CHANGES**

CT *transit* periodically adjusts bus routes and bus schedules to improve service reliability and respond to changing travel patterns. The following bus routes are being adjusted **effective Sunday, August 25, 2024:** 

## 24 - Windsor/Bradley Int'l Airport/Windsor Locks

The Route 24 schedule is being adjusted to accommodate recent schedule changes on the CT *rail* Hartford Line. As a reminder, buses are replacing some weekday trains as work continues on the new Windsor Locks Railroad Station and related track improvements. Please visit <a href="www.hartfordline.com">www.hartfordline.com</a> for the most up-to-date train schedules before you travel.

### 30 - Bradley Flyer

Sunday service on Route 30 is being expanded and will now operate hourly from 4:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., every 40 minutes from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and approximately hourly from 7:00 p.m. to midnight.

## 32 - Windsor Avenue

Route 32 service is being expanded to operate all day, 7 days a week. It will replace the local service previously provided by Route 34 between downtown Hartford, Windsor Center, and the Poquonock Park & Ride. Route 34 buses will be rerouted to always operate via I-91.

## 34 – Kennedy Road

In response to increased ridership, all trips on Route 34 will now operate via the I-91 HOV in both directions. As a result, customers will enjoy faster travel times to employment destinations in Windsor and Windsor Locks. Service on Route 34 is also being expanded to operate more frequently during peak travel times. High-capacity articulated buses will be assigned to the route when available to reduce crowding.

Routes 32 and 36 will provide local service between downtown Hartford, Windsor Center, and the Poquonock Park & Ride, and Route 38 will now provide local service to Weston Street.

### 36 - Day Hill Road

Minor adjustments will be made to the schedule for Route 36. Please refer to an updated timetable.

#### 38 - Weston Street

Route 38 buses will no longer serve Leibert Road and will now operate to and from West Service Road via Weston Street. During the a.m. and p.m. peak, buses will operate every 40 minutes. During midday, buses will operate about every 100 minutes.

Route 38C buses will now operate to and from Leibert Road via Weston Street and Jennings Road. Weekday & Saturday service will operate every 40 minutes until 7:00 a.m., every 20 minutes from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., then every 40 minutes from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Service will operate every 35 minutes on Sundays from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### 43 - Campfield Avenue

Minor adjustments will be made to the schedule for Route 43. Please refer to an updated timetable.

#### 47 - Franklin Avenue

The 47B branch serving Berlin Turnpike is being discontinued. The new CT *fastrak* Route 125 will accommodate customers traveling to the Berlin Turnpike.

Service along Wolcott Hill Road between Jordan Lane and Prospect Street will continue to be provided hourly during midday on weekdays by the 47R branch. Saturday service will no longer operate. Service to Prospect Street between Ridge Road and Willow Street will continue to be provided by Route 61 on a part-time basis.

Service between downtown Hartford and Jordan Lane will be unaffected by this change. Service to Rose Hill and Corporate Ridge also will be largely unaffected, although some trip times will be adjusted.

#### 54 - Blue Hills Extension

To provide customers traveling to the Bloomfield and Windsor industrial areas with faster service, all trips on Route 54X will now operate via the I-91 HOV between downtown Hartford and Bloomfield Avenue/Old Windsor Road. Local service south of Old Windsor Road will continue to be provided by local Route 54.

## 69 - Capitol Avenue

All trips on Route 69 will now terminate at the Newington Veterans Hospital and operate via Fenn Road in both directions. Service along Willard Avenue and to the Berlin Turnpike instead be provided by the new CT *fastrak* Route 125. Also, in response to evolving demand and changing travel patterns, Route 69 will now operate every 30 minutes during the a.m. & p.m. peak, every 40 minutes during midday and on Saturdays, and approximately hourly at night.

## 72 - Capitol Avenue

In response to evolving demand and changing travel patterns, Route 72 is adopting a new schedule. Peak hour service along Asylum Avenue in Hartford will now operate every 20 minutes with 72A service to Cigna/MetLife

and 72F service to Fern Street, each operating every 40 minutes. Midday service will now operate hourly on the 72A branch and every 100 minutes on the 72F branch. Weeknight service will remain unchanged.

#### 87 - Brewer Street

All a.m. and p.m. peak trips on Route 87 are being extended to CT State Manchester via Woodside Street and Hillstown Road. In addition, due to low ridership, service to Hills Street is being discontinued. As a result, Route 87 is adopting a new schedule. Service will now operate every 40 minutes during the a.m. and p.m. peak. Midday service will continue to operate hourly to and from Goodwin University.

### 144 - Wethersfield/Westfarms

## 153 – Elmwood/Copaco

CT *fastrak* Routes 144 & 153 will offer more frequent service every 40 minutes on weekdays. Service on both routes will continue to operate hourly at night and on weekends.

### 201 - New Haven/Madison

A new 5:00 a.m. trip from New Haven to Madison is being added. The new trip will connect at Scranton Gazebo with the 6:00 a.m. trip from Madison to Old Saybrook on River Valley Transit Route 641.

## 204 - New Haven/East Haven

All trips on Route 204 will now operate to and from Momauguin via Thompson Avenue. Route 204 service to Sound Beach, Branford Green, Main Street east of Hemingway Avenue, and Walmart will be discontinued. Service to Main Street, Walmart, and Branford Green will continue to be provided by Route 201.

## 215 - New Haven/Wallingford/Meriden

Several weekday and Saturday trips on Route 215 are being adjusted to provide connections at Wallingford Railroad Station with the new Route 567 serving Research Parkway.

In addition, Route 215 service to Meriden is being introduced on Sundays. Buses will depart downtown New Haven every 90 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and travel the entire route to Meriden. Return trips will depart Meriden Transit Center every 90 minutes from 8:05 a.m. to 6:35 p.m.

### 223 - Lombard Street

In response to customer feedback, most weekday trips on Route 223 are being extended to Walmart on Foxon Road.

Route 223 buses will no longer serve East Street to improve service reliability. Buses will operate from State Street to Humphrey Street in both directions and be rerouted to operate via Grafton Street between Rowe Street and Clinton Avenue.

### 228 – Whitney Avenue

Route 228 buses will no longer operate beyond Centerville/Hamden Town Hall. Customers traveling to Quinnipiac University, Mount Carmel, or Cheshire Town Hall will be accommodated by Route 229 instead.

As a result, the 4:10 & 5:45 p.m. trips on Route 228 from downtown New Haven to Whitney Avenue will be discontinued. The 5:10 p.m. trip from downtown New Haven to Whitney Avenue will now end at Centerville.

In addition, the 6:08 a.m. trip from Quinnipiac University will be discontinued. The 7:32 a.m. trip from Cheshire Town Hall will start from Centerville at 7:46 a.m.

#### 261 - Boston Post Road

Most trips on Route 261X will be discontinued. Customers will instead be accommodated by the new Route 262, which operates between New Haven, Orange, and CT Post Mall via I-95. Please refer to an updated timetable.

## 268 - Washington Avenue

All weekday trips on Route 268 will be extended to West Haven Railroad Station. As a result, Route 268 service to Bull Hill Lane will be discontinued. Customers traveling to Bull Hill Lane will continue to be served by Route 243.

### 274 - Sargent Drive

The 5:45 a.m. trip on weekdays from downtown New Haven to Sargent Drive will be discontinued.

#### 278 - New Haven Connector

The schedule for Route 278 is being adjusted to provide improved connections with CT *rail* Hartford Line and Shore Line East trains. Please refer to an updated timetable for more information.

#### 291 - Center Street

## 292 - North Colony Road

The 4:00 p.m. trip from Burke Heights will now end at Wallingford Center. Route 215 will instead provide service to North Colony Road, Barnes Industrial Park, and downtown Meriden.

### 331 - High Ridge Road

On weekdays, selected a.m. & p.m. trips to and from Scofieldtown Road and The Villa will now operate via Turn of River Middle School. Please refer to an updated timetable.

- 511 New Britain/Meriden
- 512 New Britain/Berlin Turnpike
- 513 New Britain/Cromwell

To assist customers with making faster and easier connections between CT *transit* and the CT *rail* Hartford Line, Routes 511, 512, and 513 will now serve a new bus stop on Depot Road at Berlin Railroad Station.

Route 512 is being adjusted to provide more consistent and direct service to destinations along the Berlin Turnpike. Buses will now stop at Brickyard Plaza (Syms/Home Depot), Newington Fair (Burlington/Stew's), Newington Plaza (Walmart), and Turnpike Plaza (Price Chopper) in both directions. In addition, new bus stops are being added on Richard Street (Target) and along Willard Avenue and Louis Street. Service to Eversource will also be introduced on a part-time basis.

#### 561 - Meriden Mall

The 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. weekday & Saturday trips on Route 561 will be discontinued. Customers will be accommodated by the 9:00 & 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 & 7:00 p.m. trips instead.

#### 566 - East Main Street

All trips on Route 566 will now operate via East Main Street in both directions. The new Route 567 will instead provide service to Liberty Street and the CT Department of Children & Families. Route 567 will also offer additional service to Research Parkway all day, seven days a week.

## 912 - Hartford/Simsbury/Granby Express

The Granby Congregational Park & Ride bus stop is being discontinued in response to evolving demand and changing travel patterns. Park & ride customers are encouraged to use the State Sand Pit Park & Ride at 1541 Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury instead.

## 913 - Hartford/Buckland/Storrs Express

In response to evolving demand and to alleviate customer confusion, Route 913 will operate the regular weekday schedule year-round, effective August 25, 2024. Service will no longer operate on a reduced schedule when UCONN is not in session.

## 919 - Hartford/Cromwell/Meriden Express

The bus stop at the Country Club Road Park & Ride in Middletown is being discontinued. Customers are encouraged to board Route 919 at the Bee Street Park & Ride (Meriden) or the Industrial Park Road Park & Ride (Cromwell/Middletown line) instead.

#### 923 – Hartford/New Britain/Bristol Express

In response to evolving demand and changing travel patterns, Route 923 will adopt a new schedule. On weekdays, buses will depart downtown Bristol at 6:04, 6:54 & 7:34 a.m. Return trips will depart downtown Hartford at 4:10, 4:50 & 5:40 p.m. Additional service between Hartford & Bristol will continue to be provided 7 days a week by CT *fastrak* Route 102.

### 928 - Hartford/New Britain/Waterbury Express

On weekdays, the 12:02 p.m. trip from Waterbury to Hartford will depart 2 minutes earlier, and the 1:10 p.m. trip from Hartford to Waterbury will depart 2 minutes later.

### 950 - New Haven/Meriden/Hartford Express

The bus stop at the Country Club Road Park & Ride in Middletown is being discontinued. Instead, a bus stop will be added at the Industrial Park Road Park & Ride (Cromwell/Middletown line).