



September 13, 2011

Greenway Public Transportation is pleased to announce new service in the Towns of Catawba and Conover, the Highway 70 corridor from Morganton to Hickory, Highway 321 from Lenoir to Hickory, and Lenoir-Rhyne Boulevard corridor. Route descriptions are below.

New Routes effective October 2011

Flex Route Service Change

Flex Route service is both Fixed Route service and Dial-A-Ride van service. Passengers can access the bus at a designated bus stop along the route or call for a pick up or drop off within 3/4 of a mile of the bus route by calling 828-464-9444 by 12:00 PM the business day before the requested date.

The current Flex Route service is offered in Catawba County in West Hickory, East Hickory and Newton and in Alexander County in Stony Point, and Wittenburg areas. The routes operate five days a week twice a day, once in the morning and once in the afternoon. There is also a Flex Route in Taylorsville which operates Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Starting in October 2011 Greenway Public Transportation Greenway will add the following additional Flex Route service:

- The current van route in Catawba will change from van service to a Flex Route. This change would encourage both the riders who prefer the flexibility of same day service by using a bus stop and riders who require curb to curb service to ride. Persons who would prefer curb to curb service may call 828-464-9444 for a pick up or drop off by 12:00 PM the business day before the requested date. The proposed service will stop in Catawba near the Medicap Pharmacy, Claremont near Lowe's Foods, the Conover Walmart and will end at the K-Mart in Conover. The fare would change from \$2.50 each way to \$1.25 each way. Persons who qualify for reduced fare would pay \$0.60 each way. Children five and under ride free.
- Flex Route service from Glen Alpine in Burke County to Hickory. The proposed service area would be along the Hwy 70 corridor with stops in Glen Alpine, Morganton, Drexel, Valdese, Icard, Hildebran, Long View, Greenway Transit Center, Downtown Hickory, Frye Hospital, Tate Blvd Medical area, and ending at the Catawba Valley Medical Center on Fairgrove Church Rd. The vehicle would perform the Glen Alpine to Hickory run three times a day in both directions

(morning, midday, and afternoon). The fare will be \$1.25 each way, children five and under ride free and persons who qualify for reduced fare would pay \$0.60 each way.

- Flex Route service between Lenoir and Hickory will serve the Caldwell Community College and the Mulberry Recreation Center, the Hwy 321 Corridor in Granite Falls, Saw Mills, and Hudson, Hickory area near Frye Hospital and the Tate Medical area ending at the Catawba Valley Medical Center. The proposed service will be offered three times a day, once in the morning, mid day and afternoon. The fare would change from \$2.50 each way to \$1.25 each way. Persons who qualify for reduced fare would pay \$0.60 each way. Children five and under ride free.

Fixed Route Service Change

Fixed Route Service is offered in the cities of Conover, Hickory, and Newton. Passengers may access the bus at designated bus stops along the route. No reservation is required. The service is currently offered Monday through Friday from 5:45 a.m.— approx. 7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8:45 a.m.—5:20 p.m.

The following changes will be made to the Fixed Route Service:

- The **last run** for route 3 and 4 (red route) which serves Hickory and Newton will no longer be offered as of October 31, 2011. Route 3 will end at 6:23 pm arriving in Newton. Route 4 will end at 6:24 pm arriving at the Greenway Transit Center in Hickory. The bus currently ends Route 3 in Newton at 7:33 pm and Route 4 in Hickory at 7:24 pm.
- A new Saturday only route from Lenoir Rhyne University will access LR University, Greenway Transit Center, LR Blvd corridor, Valley Hills Mall, and the Hickory Walmart. The will route run every hour from 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. The route starts at Lenoir Rhyne University (LR University) at the top of the hour (:00) and follows the route arriving at the Hickory Walmart at the half hour (:30). The bus leaves the Hickory Walmart at the half hour (:30) and follows the route back to Lenoir Rhyne University by the top of the hour (:00). This route connects to the blue route and the green route at LR University and the red route at the Hickory Walmart and all routes at the Greenway Transit Center.

A public hearing will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. For more information and to provide public comment please contact Patti Foster at 828-465-7641. Public comment can be made in writing by e-mailing or calling Patti Foster at pfoster@wprta.org or 828-465-7641, or attending the meeting at 1515 4th St. SW, Conover, NC 28613.