



Lawrence Transit Route Redesign

New routes, new opportunities

Lawrence Transit, the coordinated City of Lawrence and University of Kansas bus system, is preparing to implement new routes this August.

City and university staff have worked closely with the public since late 2020 to explore new route ideas, discuss on-demand service models for overnight and Sundays, and add value for existing and new riders.

Make every route a strong route

Each route aims to connect people, jobs, education, grocery, and medical services without requiring a transfer. Some highlights:



Changes to Routes 1 & 7 connect East Lawrence residents directly to grocery stores on both routes.



Changes to Routes 1, 2, 3, and 5 connect people to job centers at East Hills and north-central Lawrence through Downtown and Central Station transfer hubs.



Changes to Route 6 connect North Lawrence residents to major grocery stores along 6th St.



Changes to Routes 7 & 9 preserve an important connection from the Holcom Park neighborhood to Billy Mills MS and Lawrence HS.



Route 8 connects Peaslee Tech, Haskell, Lawrence High, and KU to the new transfer facility. Route 8 will now have year-round service, serve student housing along Perimeter Rd., and interline with Route 10 for crosstown service to Rock Chalk Park.

Fare free

Federal stimulus funds provide the opportunity to afford a 1-year pilot of fare free in 2023. One of many reasons to pilot fare free service is to make it even easier to explore new route changes!

Project background:

<https://lawrencetransit.org/route-redesign/>

Why redesign routes?

Route Redesign better aligns routes with our new Central Station at Bob Billings & Crestline. Central station will be served by 7 local routes and 2 regional routes, with 5 routes continuing to serve Downtown Lawrence.



Interlined routes reduce transfers and create more 2-way service for a faster trip

How it works: The same buses operate back and forth between 2 routes. Riders won't need to get off the bus to transfer from one route to the other!

Sunday on-demand service

Sunday service will be introduced as an on-demand service that functions like Uber and Lyft, but it uses transit vehicles and drivers.

Anyone can request a trip to and from locations within Lawrence city limits between the hours of 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Sunday using a smartphone app or dialing a phone number.

Peak and off-peak frequencies

Based on community interest, Lawrence Transit is piloting Sunday Service. To afford this change, transit trips in the middle of the day on fixed-route will be less frequent, and trips during morning and afternoon commute times will be every half hour or better across all routes.

