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Effective Feb. 1: Track Access permit required for work near Streetcar



Effective Feb. 1, any contractor, utility or individual that needs to work within 7.5 feet of the center of the streetcar tracks or within 10 feet of the overhead wire system must have a "track access" permit from the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority.

No one will be allowed to work within this streetcar operating/safety envelope without a track access permit.



Downtown routing changes for express routes

Effective March 7, 2016, the downtown routing of many Metro express routes will change.

Routes not changing based on public comments

- Rt. 2X
- Rt. 3X
- Rt. 29X

Routes changing

Rts. 14X, 15X, 23X Will be removed from Walnut Street and added to Race (morning) and Vine Streets (afternoon) and will stop at Government Square Area E instead of Area D.

Rt. 30X, Rt. 75X Based on public comments, will operate on Race instead of Walnut between 6th and 5th Streets.

Rt. 40X Will operate on Broadway instead of Main between 5th and 9th Streets and stop at Government Square Area E instead of Area G.

Rt. 67 Will operate on Broadway instead of Main between 5th and 9th Streets and stop at Government Square Area F.

Rt. 71X, Rt. 72 Will operate on Sycamore, 4th and 5th Streets instead of Walnut and 7th Streets and will stop at Government Square Area E instead of Area B.

Rt. 74X Based on public comments, will operate on Race instead of Walnut between Central Parkway and 7th Street in the afternoon.

Rt. 77X This route will be removed from Main and 9th Streets. It will be added to Sycamore and 4th Streets and will stop at Government Square Area F instead of Government Square Area G.

The track access permit is required in addition to other City of Cincinnati permits. Applicants for a right of way permit or a building permit from the City of Cincinnati will automatically be directed to SORTA and its operating contractor Transdev for a track access permit if working near the streetcar system.

To obtain a track access permit or for more information, contact Phil Lind, Cincinnati Streetcar Transportation/Safety & Security Manager, at 513-206-7825, or Lauren Campbell, Administrative Manager, at 513-206-7827.

Metro to host one additional listening session, Feb. 2



The Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority is hosting an additional Listening Session tomorrow, Tuesday, Feb. 2 at the Madisonville Arts & Cultural Center: 5021 Whetsel Avenue. The session will be from 7-8:30 p.m.

All feedback from the community listening session will be considered by the newly created Metro Futures Task Force, composed of community leaders, who will present their findings to the SORTA Board in early 2016.

Take the online survey [here](#).

Rt. 82X Based on public comments, will operate on Race Street instead of Walnut Street.

No planned changes

Rts. 12X, 25X, 42X, 52X, and 81X are not changing.

For more information on these and all Metro routes changing March 7 please call 513-621-4455.



Metro detour hotline for winter weather

With the winter weather remember to use the below sources to get the most complete Metro service updates:

- Download the FREE [TransitApp](#) and [Bus Detective](#) App for real-time information in the palm of your hand.
- Metro's Detour Hotline at 632-7538 provides a recorded message, updated continuously from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. on severe winter weather days to give the most current bus detour information.
- Metro's website www.go-metro.com provides standard snow detour information.
- Social media: Customers can also follow Metro snow information on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- Metro's call center at 621-4455 is open weekdays 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. for complete bus-riding information.
- **IMPORTANT:** Metro buses cannot stop safely on snowy or icy hills. Customers should board at the top or bottom of hills.

For more information on please give us a call at 513-621-4455.

Metro February holidays



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Metro and Access will operate on regular schedule President's Day, Monday, Feb. 15. Metro call center is open, 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. but Metro administrative offices and the sales office are closed for the day. For complete bus information, please call 513-621-4455.

2016 calendar images



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