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Birmingham - Jefferson County Transit Authority Announces

Fare Reinstatement and Service Modifications

BIRMINGHAM, AL (November 16, 2020)- As a result of COVID-19, Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority (BJCTA) suspended fares on MAX buses since March, 2020. Effective Monday, December 7, 2020, fares will be reinstated. Customers may purchase passes at Central Station located at 1735 Morris Avenue, Birmingham 35203.

BJCTA is also announcing route modifications and route eliminations to commence on Monday, December 14, 2020. The details are included below. These changes are driven by the lack of funding from the affected cities to support the service. "We never like to see the reduction of service to our customers as we understand the impact that this has on the ability of many to travel to important destinations" said BJCTA Executive Director/CEO, Frank T. Martin. "Our hope is to improve and grow our service but that requires the resources of our participating municipalities."

Virtual public information meetings to discuss both matters will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 and Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 11 am and 6 pm on both days. The contact information is also listed below.

The Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority is the public transportation leader in Central Alabama. The Authority averages three million riders per year and has close to 300 employees. For more information, visit <u>www.maxtransit.org</u>.

Effective: Monday, December 14, 2020

ROUTE MODIFICATIONS

Route 45- Bessemer

- Midfield service will be modified on Weekday and Saturday 10 Weekday trips and 5 Saturday trips (Schedules will be available soon)
- Discontinued Service in the City of Lipscomb
- Discontinued Service in the City of Brighton
- Discontinued Service in the City of Fairfield (Vinesville Road/ Aaron Aronov Road)

ROUTE ELIMINATIONS

Route 78 – Forestdale/ Adamsville

• Discontinued Service in Forestdale and Adamsville

Route 280- Highway 280

• No Inbound Service on Highway 280 at Cahaba River Road (**Bus stop has been removed**)

Please join the virtual meetings on the dates and times listed below:

Tuesday, November 17, 2020	11:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 19, 2020	11:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.

Virtual Information:

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