



SEPTA Bus Revolution | Spring 2023
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We heard you, Chester County!

Summary of Proposed SEPTA Bus Routes Changes

SEPTA received many comments on the draft bus network for Bus Revolution and we've updated the draft network, incorporating public feedback to create a bus network that is easier to use, more convenient, and more reliable.



Make service more convenient by increasing frequency on more routes: SEPTA riders told us they care about service frequency, both because frequent service means not having to look at bus schedules and because it increases the reliability of travel.

Route 104 would travel on West Chester Pike between West Chester and the 69th Street Transportation Center. This bus route would be available all day, every day and operate with 30-minute service.



Get further faster with extended and newly combined routes: Riders told us that they want and need to make local trips as well as get to regional destinations like the King of Prussia Mall. Updates to the bus route work to make travel easier by creating routes that are direct and simple.

Route 92/204 would connect Coatesville, Exton, and West Chester in a simple and direct way but with improved peak frequencies and longer hours of service. Riders could use this service for local trips or to connect with other services.

Route 124 would connect Chesterbrook with King of Prussia and Center City Philadelphia via Wissahickon Transportation Center.



Three new flexible on-demand (microtransit) services: In some parts of Chester County residents want and need public transportation, there aren't enough potential riders to schedule frequent bus service. In these areas, we are proposing a new demand response service instead of infrequent fixed route bus service. This service should be more convenient and easier to use. There would be three on-demand zones in Chester County:

Paoli/Great Valley – riders can use this zone to travel outside the peak commute period and to connect to Regional Rail and bus service at Paoli and Malvern.

West Chester – riders can use this service as a community circulator, bringing riders to local jobs, shopping and other services. It replaces parts of Route 92, which had low ridership. Riders can also use the on-demand service to connect to SEPTA bus Routes 104 and 135 at the West Chester Transportation Center.

Phoenixville – this zone would allow people to travel in and around Phoenixville, Spring City, and Royersford including connections to jobs and shopping along Township Line Road and Ridge Pike. Riders could also use the on-demand service to and connect to bus services going to the King of Prussia Mall, Norristown, and Pottstown.

Routes in these Recommended **Route Change summaries** are tagged with labels describing the type(s) of change proposed:

No Changes <i>No changes recommended</i>	Updated <i>Reflects feedback from Fall 2022 engagement</i>	New Route <i>Introduction of a brand-new route</i>	Extended <i>Longer route to connect to new destinations</i>	Realigned <i>Straighter, more direct route to provide faster service</i>	Consolidated <i>Route no longer operates, and resources reinvested</i>
Less Frequent <i>Trips removed to downgrade Rt to a less frequent MAX category</i>	Simplified <i>Eliminated service variants to simplify understanding route</i>	Combined <i>Two routes merged into one longer route</i>	Shortened <i>Truncated to enable faster round-trip travel</i>	New Frequent Rt <i>Trips added to upgrade to 10 MAX or 15 MAX</i>	More Frequent <i>Trips added to upgrade to a more frequent MAX</i>

Recommended Changes in Chester County

Bus Revolution UPDATE recommends changes to **9** Chester County bus routes:

Combined	Simplified
Route 92/204 (802): Coatesville to Exton to West Chester TC	
<p>Route 204/92 would operate hourly (every day) between Exton and King of Prussia, traveling along Lancaster Pike to Paoli and Swedesford Road between Paoli and King of Prussia. The new route combines parts of Route 92 that travel from Exton to West Chester to King of Prussia and Route 204 that connected Eagleview to Paoli Train Station. This route creates more direct connections and will be faster and more reliable. Riders can transfer in Paoli to travel to West Chester and/or use the on-demand zone to travel to the office parks north of Lancaster Avenue.</p>	

Simplified	Shortened	More Frequent
Route 99 (713): Church & Main to Plaza KOP		
<p>Route 99 would operate between Phoenixville and King of Prussia via Oaks , Trooper Road, and the Valley Forge National Park. Service to Providence Town Center would be eliminated due to low ridership. Service would operate every 30 minutes on weekdays and weekends.</p>		

Simplified
Route 104 (902): West Chester University to 69th Street TC
<p>Route 104 would be simplified by eliminating trips deviating off West Chester Pike. The route would operate every 30 minutes on weekdays and hourly on weekends.</p>

Shortened	Simplified
Route 106 (801): Malvern RR Stn (New) to Radnor RR Stn (New)	
<p>Route 106 would connect Malvern and Radnor and serve local trips along Lancaster Avenue. This route would be more frequent and connect to service at Radnor (on Route 105). Riders traveling to the 69th Street Transportation Center can use Route 105 or the Norristown High Speed Line. Service would be hourly on weekdays and weekends.</p>	

Shortened	Simplified
Route 124 (797): Chesterbrook to 30th St. & Market St.	
<p>Route 124 service would be simplified and shortened so that all trips would travel between Chesterbrook, the King of Prussia Mall, Wissahickon Transportation Center, and 30th Street Station in Philadelphia. The route will operate hourly on weekdays and weekends. Service would be every 30 minutes during weekday peaks and 60 minutes during the midday and on weekends.</p>	

More Frequent

Route 135 (803): Coatesville to Exton to West Chester TC

Route 135 would operate between Coatesville, Exton and West Chester Transportation Center traveling along the Lincoln Highway between Coatesville and Exton and on Pottstown Parkway between Exton and West Chester. Riders can connect to Route 106 in Malvern to travel on Lancaster Avenue to Radnor. This new route combines two bus routes, Route 92 that travel from Exton to West Chester to King of Prussia and Route 204 that connected Eagleview to Paoli Train Station (see also Route 204) Both Route 92 and 204 were in frequent and had very low ridership.

Consolidated

Route 206: The Commons at Great Valley to Paoli Station

Route 206 would be discontinued and replaced by the Malvern On-Demand Zone.

New Route

On-Demand Zone: Malvern

A new on-demand zone in Malvern would serve riders who want to make local trips, connect to employment, shopping, and schools north and south of Lancaster Ave. The on-demand service would replace Route 206, and parts of Route 92 and provide first/last mile connections to Paoli and Malvern Regional Rail Stations.

New Route

On-Demand Zone: West Chester

A new on-demand zone in West Chester would serve riders who want to make local trips or connect to the West Chester Transportation Center. The on-demand service would replace parts of Route 92. Many people using Route 92 make short trips in West Chester; the on-demand service should be more convenient and easier to use. The zone will preserve transit service to Chester County Hospital and industrial employment near Brandywine Airport.

New Route

On-Demand Zone: Phoenixville

A new on-demand zone in Phoenixville would serve riders who want to make local trips, connect to employment, shopping, and schools. The zone is designed so a rider would be picked up no more than 30 minutes after they request their trip and dropped off anywhere in the zone. Riders can also connect to other SEPTA bus routes on Main Street in Phoenixville (Route 93 to King of Prussia) and at Ridge Pike (Route 93 to Pottstown). The on-demand zone will replace service currently provided by Route 139, which is infrequent and does not carry many riders. The zone will be expanded to serve the Southeastern Veterans Center and the Phoenixville YMCA, which were not previously served on fixed route. Service will also be expanded to include Sundays.