



# SEPTA Bus Revolution | Spring 2023 River Wards Recommendations

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### We heard you, River Wards!

#### 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 transit more convenient by adding more frequent bus 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.

**Five new frequent routes in River Wards:** Route 25, Route 43 (combined with Route 30), Route 53, and Route 54



**Improved weekend and night service.** Riders told us – and the data shows - that people want and need service during the middle of the day, in the evenings and on weekends. We increased frequency during the middle of the day and on weekends as much as possible.

**All routes that provide frequent weekday service River Wards would also operate frequently on weekends:** Route 3, Route 25, Route 30/43, Route 53, Route 54, and Route 60

**There will be 5 routes with 24-hour service:** Route 47, Route 60, Route 23, Route 33, and Route 57 (shortened to operate south of York Dauphin Station).



**Get further faster with extended and newly combined routes:** River Wards residents and visitors travel all over the region, not just to Center City. New, frequent crosstown bus routes mean people can get to more places faster and easier—including Manayunk-Roxborough, West Philly, Olney, and South Philly.

**Extended Route 60** to Wissahickon Transportation Center provides connections to many other SEPTA routes.

**Combined Route 30 and Route 43** better connects West Philly to North Philly and the River Wards.

**New Route 556** connects Rising Sun/Olney to Pier 70 via Columbus Ave

**Extended Route 53** connect Richmond & Westmoreland to Erie Torresdale Station, Hunting Park Avenue, the Broad Street Line, and Germantown



**Provide simple service that is easy to understand:** Bus routes are easier to understand if they operate primarily on major streets, running to and from the same destinations on all trips. Based on public input, nearly all bus routes in River Wards will travel the same way on every trip, every day of the week.

**More consistent service to Bakers Centre** provided by all Route 56 trips

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

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

## Recommended Changes in River Wards Routes

Bus Revolution UPDATE recommends changes to **all** of River Wards' 10 routes:

**Simplified**

**Route 3 (517): 33rd & Cecil B Moore Loop to Frankford TC**  
**Route 3 would operate all trips** between 33rd & Dauphin Loop and Cumberland & Richmond. The occasional service to Smith Memorial Playground, would be discontinued. We updated this route to maintain service on Kensington Ave underneath the Market-Frankford Line based on community feedback.

**Shortened**

**Route 5 (567): Girard Station to Frankford TC**  
**Route 5 would be shortened** to operate between Frankford Transportation Center and Girard Avenue Station via Frankford Avenue.. Riders could use new Route 550 that would travel on Third and Fourth Streets and operate between York Dauphin Station on the Market-Frankford Line to Whitman Plaza or NRG Station via Packer Street.

**New Frequent Rt**   **Shortened**   **New Route**

**Route 25 (522): Frankford TC to Spring Garden Station**  
**Route 25 would be shortened** to operate between Frankford Transportation Center and Spring Garden Station via a new alignment on York Street in Fishtown. The route would operate 15 minutes all day, every day. Route 25 service south of Spring Garden would be replaced by new Route 556 that would operate between Olney & Rising Sun Avenues and Pier 70.

**Updated**   **New Route**

**Route 556 (556): Olney & Rising Sun Loop to Pier 70**  
**Route 556 would be a new bus route** operating between Pier 70 and Olney & Rising Sun. It would operate every 30 minutes on weekdays and weekends, replacing existing Route 25 service south of Spring Garden and provide a new north-south connection between Olney-Rising Sun and the Market-Frankford Line via G Street.

**No Changes**

**Route 39 (519): 33rd & Dauphin Loop to Cumberland & Richmond**

Combined

New Frequent Rt

**Route 30/43 (515): 69th St TC to Cumberland & Richmond**

**Route 30 and Route 43 would be combined into a frequent connection between 69<sup>th</sup> Street Transportation Center and Cumberland & Richmond** via Haverford Avenue and Spring Garden Street. Riders traveling to University City can use either new Route 38/40 on 40<sup>th</sup> Street and 41<sup>st</sup> Street or the newly combined Route 32/49 on 33<sup>rd</sup> Street and 34<sup>th</sup> Street. Riders traveling north of Haverford Avenue can take Route 64 or Trolley Route 10.

New Frequent Rt

Extended

Simplified

**Route 53 (527): Germantown RR Stn to Richmond & Westmoreland Loop**

**Route 53** would become a frequent route be extended to provide a new connection between Germantown Regional Rail Station and Richmond & Westmoreland Loop via Hunting Park Avenue, Erie Torresdale Station, Butler Street, and Castor Avenue. On its western end, Route 53 would operate to Germantown Station via Cheltenham Avenue. Route H will provide service for passengers traveling along Wayne Avenue north of Cheltenham Ave in West Mount Airy.

New Frequent Rt

**Route 54 (521): 33rd & Dauphin Loop to Cambria & Richmond**

**Route 54** would operate more frequently (every 15 minutes on weekdays and weekends) and use the same routing on Cambria Street and Lehigh Avenue.

Simplified

Extended

**Route 60 (523): Wissahickon TC to Richmond & Westmoreland Loop**

**Route 60 would operate frequently and be extended to Wissahickon Transportation Center** via Ridge Avenue. Extending the route to Wissahickon provides connections to many SEPTA bus routes. Route 60's occasional service to Delaware Avenue would be discontinued.

Consolidated

**Route 73: Richmond & Westmoreland Loop to Frankford Transportation Center**

**Route 73 would be consolidated.** Route 73 passengers can take nearby Route 25 which will cover most of Route 73's existing alignment with increased frequency. Route 53 will provide service along Richmond Street.

Consolidated

**Route 89: Front-Dauphin to Arrott Transportation Center**

**Route 89 would be consolidated.** Passengers can take nearby Routes 53, 3, 75, and/or 25.