

Public Hearing Notice

Proposed Transit Service Changes to MATBUS Route 6 (Dilworth) and Route 9 (Moorhead)

The City of Moorhead is considering service changes to Moorhead and Dilworth MATBUS routes, generally described below, to become effective May 1, 2021.

Informational Display: An informational display on the proposed changes, as well as comment cards, will be in the lobby of the Ground Transportation Center (GTC), 502 NP Ave, Fargo, ND, from February 22 through March 5 and posted online at www.matbus.com. Written comments may be turned in to the dispatch window and will be considered by staff prior to the final recommendation to the City Council. In addition, written comments may be submitted in advance to: Lori Van Beek, Transit Manager, 650 23 St N, Fargo, ND 58102, E-mail LVanbeek@matbus.com, telephone 701.476.6686. For TDD Relay Service call 7-1-1.

Public Hearings: The proposed service changes to MATBUS are considered major and will require public hearings. The first public hearing will be held by the Dilworth City Council on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 2 First Ave SE, Dilworth, MN. Pursuant to the Emergency Declaration dated March 18, 2020 and Resolution 20-12, in-person meetings are closed to the public and not practical due to COVID-19. Those who wish to listen in and/or participate in the meeting can call in at 6:00 pm, 312.626.6799, Meeting ID: 976 1360 9823, or join interactively at <https://zoom.us/j/97613609823>. The meeting link will also be provided on the city website prior to the meeting. At the hearing, the City of Dilworth will afford an opportunity for interested persons to be heard with respect to the proposed service changes. If other accommodations are needed, please contact city staff.

The second public hearing will be held by the Moorhead City Council on Monday, March 22, 2021, at 5:45 pm. The Moorhead City Council is currently operating under an emergency ordinance due to COVID-19. Until further notice, Moorhead City Hall is closed to the public and City Council meetings are being held virtually to allow the public to hear and see the City Council meetings. For participation information, visit The City's Public Participation Guidance page at <http://www.cityofmoorhead.com/residents/coronavirus-covid-19-/meetings-events-activities/public-participation-guidance>. Those who wish to participate in the public hearing are asked to contact the City of Moorhead in advance at assessments@cityofmoorhead.com or 218.299.5166. At the hearing, the City of Moorhead will afford an opportunity for interested persons to be heard with respect to the proposed service changes. Upon request, accommodations for individuals with disabilities, language barriers, or other needs to allow participation in meetings will be provided. To arrange assistance, call the City Clerk's Office at 218.299.5166 (voice) or 711 (TDD/TTY).

Written comments may be submitted in advance of either public hearing to: Lori Van Beek, Transit Manager, 650 23 St N, Fargo, ND 58102, E-mail LVanbeek@matbus.com, telephone 701.476.6686.

Comments received may result in changes to the proposed service routes and times. The *final recommendations* will be made available to the public on March 26, 2021, at the GTC.

Changes to Route 6: The proposed changes would extend Route 6 farther east in Dilworth to reach recent commercial and residential development along 14 St NE. Route 6 would also be reversed for the portion of the route that operates in Dilworth, which will allow for more efficient access to CVS Pharmacy after the recent traffic flow changes made to the intersection of Highway 10 frontage road

and 34 St. Route 6 would depart the Dilworth Walmart and reach its major stops in the following order: CashWise, Community Center, Dilworth Elementary, 4 Ave NE, EastView Apartments, Houge Estates, The Silver Spike, Red River Recovery Center, Dilworth City Hall, CVS Pharmacy, and back to the Dilworth Walmart. For the extended portion of the route, Route 6 will travel east on 4 Ave NE to 14 St NE, south on 14 St NE to Highway 10, west on Highway 10 to 12 St NE, then west on 3 Ave NE to continue the current path reversed.

This route extension will lengthen the trip time from 30 minutes to 35 minutes. Route 6 will then depart its hub at the Dilworth Walmart at 35 minutes after the hour, from 6:35 a.m. to 6:35 p.m. on weekdays, and 7:35 a.m. to 5:35 p.m. on Saturdays. Due to the extended trip time, Route 6 will no longer have a direct timing connection with Route 4 for its departure at 40 minutes after the hour. The routes will continue to connect for Route 4's departure at 10 minutes after the hour. After completing its loop at the Dilworth Walmart, the bus that travels Route 6 will then travel a full trip on Route 9, which is proposed to be shortened in order to accommodate the Route 6 extension. The bus will alternate between Route 6 and Route 9 throughout the day, a process of connection called "interlining."

Changes to Route 9: The proposed changes would remove the loop of Route 9 that currently travels past Menards and ByteSpeed, west of Main Ave SE. A small portion of the southern end of Route 9 will also be reversed in order to serve Vista Center for Education on the west side of 34 St S. The route will travel its current path south on 40 St S, then west on 24 Ave S. From there, it will begin the path reversal, traveling south on 34 St S to 26 Ave S, east on 26 Ave S to the roundabout, south on 28 Ave S to the Sanford entrance, north on 36 St S to 24 Ave S, west on 24 Ave S to 34 St S, then north on 34 St S to continue the route as usual.

This route change will shorten the trip time from 30 minutes to 25 minutes. Route 9 will depart its hub at the Dilworth Walmart at 10 minutes after the hour, from 7:10 a.m. to 6:10 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays.