



ROUTE 26 | ATWELLS (REPLACED BY ROUTE 92 RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE/EAST SIDE)

Route 26 operates between Rhode Island College and Kennedy Plaza in downtown Providence. The route's outer end forms a large loop along Mount Pleasant Road, Smith Street, Academy Avenue and Atwells Avenue. There is strong ridership demand at Rhode Island College and Mount Pleasant High School. However the Academy Avenue branch and the inner portion of the route along the Woonasquatucket River carry few riders.

Route 26 would be combined with Route 92 Federal Hill/East Side to provide frequent service (every 20 minutes throughout the day) between Rhode Island College and the East Side Marketplace via Federal Hill, downtown Providence, and College Hill. As part of this combination, all service would operate via Mount Pleasant Avenue, and service along the Academy Avenue and Kinsley Avenue corridors would be discontinued. In addition, very low ridership variant service would be discontinued to provide consistent service throughout the day.

Proposed Changes

- Consolidate Route 26 with the Route 92 East Side Trolley to develop a new Route 92 that operates between the East Side Marketplace and Rhode Island College via College Hill, downtown Providence, and Federal Hill.
- Provide more frequent service (every 20 minutes) and later service (until 11:00 PM on weekdays).
- Discontinue poorly utilized service along Promenade and Kinsley Avenue to improve service via Federal Hill.
- Discontinue lightly utilized service along Academy Avenue to provide simpler and more direct service to Rhode Island College. Most existing Academy Avenue riders would continue to be served by Route 26 along Atwells Avenue, Route 56 Chalkstone Avenue along Chalkstone Avenue, or Route 57 Smith Street along Smith Street.
- Discontinue barely utilized deviations to Governor’s Apartments on Ives Street and the Federal Hill House to enable the provision of consistent schedules.

Before and After Statistics

	EXISTING	PROPOSED
	Route 26	Route 92
Span of Service		
Weekday	5:38 AM – 8:00 PM	6:00 AM – 11:00 PM
Saturday	6:30 AM – 7:39 PM	6:30 AM – 11:00 PM
Sunday	No service	8:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Headways		
Weekday		
AM Peak	5-25	20
Midday	55	20
PM Peak	25	20
Evening	55	20
Saturday	47-55	30
Sunday	--	30

Related Changes

- Since Route 92 would provide Sunday service to RIC, Route 27 Broadway – Manton limited Sunday service to and from RIC would be discontinued.
- Route 55 Admiral/Providence College, which with improved Route 92 service to Rhode Island College, would be shortened to operate to and from Fatima Hospital.
- Route 92 Green Line Trolley, which would be combined with Route 26.



ROUTE 92 RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE/EAST SIDE AND RELATED CHANGES

