



ROUTE 40 | BUTLER-ELMGROVE-TUNNEL

Route 40 Butler – Elmgrove – Tunnel operates between Butler Hospital and Kennedy Plaza, primarily along Elmgrove Avenue and the East Side Tunnel. Inbound trips also operate via a six-block “out and back” deviation along Blackstone Boulevard to Swan Point. Route 40 is a “niche” route that fills what would otherwise be a gap in service coverage. Ridership is low, but service levels are well matched to demand, and the route’s productivity is about average.

Proposed Changes

- Discontinue the Blackstone Boulevard loop segment due to low ridership. This will speed up service by five minutes for customers traveling from Butler Hospital.
- Operate with predictable, regular 60 minute headways.

Before and After Statistics

	EXISTING	PROPOSED
Span of Service		
Weekday	6:31 AM – 7:10 PM	6:30 AM – 7:00 PM
Saturday	n/a	n/a
Sunday	n/a	n/a
Headways		
Weekday		
AM Peak	50	60
Midday	50-60	60
PM Peak	50-60	60
Evening	50	60
Saturday	n/a	n/a
Sunday	n/a	n/a

Related Changes, Benefits, and Service Impacts

- Routes 1 and 42 will be rebranded as a unified Route 1, designated as a Key Corridor route, and operate every 15 minutes. Every other trip will operate as through service to South Attleboro MBTA station (former Route 77).
- The Angell/Waterman corridor would be designated as a Transit Emphasis Corridor, with Routes 35, 40 and 78 providing buses every 30 minutes east of Elmgrove, and buses about every 20 minutes west of Elmgrove.



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