



ROUTE 52 | BRANCH / BRYANT UNIVERSITY

Route 52 operates between Bryant University in Smithfield and Kennedy Plaza in downtown Providence, traveling primarily on Douglas Turnpike, Douglas Avenue, Branch Avenue and Charles Street.

Proposed Changes

To reduce duplication and provide more consistent service, Route 52 would be combined with Route 50 Douglas Avenue and extended to Bryant University via Douglas Pike, with a combination of short trip service to the North Providence Shaw’s and long trip service to Bryant College.

- Consolidate Route 52 with Route 50 Douglas service by extending Route 50 to Bryant University along Route 52’s alignment on Douglas Avenue and Douglas Pike. The merged route would be designated Route 50 Douglas/Bryant College.
- Alternate weekday daytime service between long trips to Bryant University, and short trips to the Shaw’s on Smithfield Road, with service to Shaw’s every 22-23 minutes and to Bryant University every 45 minutes
- Operate all weekday evening and weekend service every 45 minutes between Bryant University and downtown Providence.
- Decouple Route 50 and Route 28 Hartford to allow service levels to be better matched with demand and to improve on-time performance.
- Provide service to the main entrance of Fidelity Investments in Smithfield on select AM and PM trips.
- Discontinue poorly utilized Metcalf Court variant service in Providence to enable the provision of service with consistent schedules.

Before and After Statistics

	EXISTING	PROPOSED	
	52 Branch Avenue	50 Douglas/Bryant Univ to/from Shaw's	50 Douglas/Bryant Univ To/from Bryant Univ
Span of Service			
Weekday	5:35 AM – 8:40 PM	5:00 AM – 10:30 PM	5:00 AM – 10:30 PM
Saturday	6:23 AM – 12:20 AM	6:00 AM – 12:00 AM	6:00 AM – 12:00 AM
Sunday	7:40 AM – 6:15 AM	7:00 AM – 9:00 PM	7:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Headways			
Weekday			
AM Peak	43	22/25	45
Middy	40-46	22/25	45
PM Peak	14-43	22/25	45
Evening	86	45	45
Saturday	80	45	45
Sunday	75	45	45

Related Changes

- Route 50 Douglas, which would be combined with Route 52.
- The consolidation of Routes 50 and 52 would provide a direct connection between Providence College and Bryant University.



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