



ROUTE 6 | PRAIRIE-ZOO TROLLEY

Route 6 operates between the Roger Williams Park Zoo and Kennedy Plaza. The route features replica trolley buses to better appeal to visitors and residents. Its proximity to higher-frequency routes 1 Eddy/Gaspee and 11 Broad Street, however has contributed to lower ridership. Shifting Route 6's northern terminus to the Providence train station would make the service more attractive, and adjusting the schedule to better reflect customer demand would make the best use of RIPTA resources.

Proposed Changes

- Extend Route 6 from Kennedy Plaza to the Providence Amtrak/MBTA train station, via Exchange Street. This would make the service more attractive to both visitors and residents, and connect the rail station with the hospital district, South Providence and Roger Williams Park and Zoo.
- Change downtown alignment to operate via Point, Richmond /Chestnut, Weybosset and Dorrance streets, rather than along East and West Franklin streets adjacent to I-95. In the outbound direction, the service would cross I-95 at Friendship Street since the Point Street overpass is one-way eastbound.
- Continue to serve CCRI on its existing alignment until CCRI's Blackstone Gate improvements are complete. Once finished, the alignment will be streamlined via the new entrance.
- Before and after the zoo's operating hours, trips will terminate at Colony House. Once the zoo opens, service would bypass this deviation.
- Discontinue midday service on the Colony House route deviation, which has low ridership. This will speed up service for all other customers.
- Increase service frequency during peak periods from 50 to 30 minutes, but reduce frequency to 60 minutes during the midday when ridership is relatively low. Key corridor, high-frequency service will be available nearby on Route 1 Eddy/Gaspee and Route 11 Broad Street.

Before and After Statistics

	EXISTING	PROPOSED
	Zoo to Kennedy Plaza	Zoo to Providence train station
Span of Service		
Weekday	6:26 AM – 7:00 PM	6:30 AM – 7:00 PM
Saturday	8:30 AM – 7:08 PM	8:30 AM – 7:00 PM
Sunday	8:30 AM – 4:19 PM	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Headways		
Weekday		
AM Peak	50	30
Midday	28-34	60
PM Peak	25-56	30
Evening	60	60
Saturday	25-54	60
Sunday	55	60

Related Changes

- Nearby Route 1 Eddy/Gaspee will operate with 15 minute frequency. In 2014, Route 11 Broad Street will become part of the R-Line, a Rapid Bus corridor with 10-minute frequency. Other R-Line improvements include: limited stop service, traffic signal priority, real time information, and roadway improvements.



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