



ROUTE 72 | WEEDEN STREET / CENTRAL FALLS

Route 72 operates between Kennedy Plaza in downtown Providence and the Pawtucket Transit Center. The route serves a mix of residential neighborhoods and commercial corridors within Providence, North Providence, Central Falls, and Pawtucket. Large portions of the route duplicate service provides by Route 53 Smithfield Avenue and Route 75 Dexter Street Lincoln Mall. Merging Route 72 and Route 53 Smithfield would provide resources to offer more frequent service on the Smithfield Avenue corridor.

Proposed Changes

- Consolidate Route 53 Smithfield Avenue with Route 72 Weeden/Central Falls to reduce duplication and provide more consistent service on Smithfield Avenue. The consolidated route would follow the existing Route 72 alignment and continued to be designated as Route 72 Weeden/Central Falls.
- Discontinue front door service to Coates Manor and Wilfred Manor due to low ridership, and to provide faster, more direct service for the majority of customers on this route.

Before and After Statistics

	EXISTING	PROPOSED
	Existing Route 72	New Route 72
Span of Service		
Weekday	5:19 AM – 7:25 PM	5:30 AM – 7:30 PM
Saturday	6:19 AM – 7:49 PM	6:30 AM – 7:30 PM
Sunday	7:52 AM – 7:11 PM	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Headways		
Weekday		
AM Peak	40-45	30
Midday	45-48	45
PM Peak	47	30
Evening	37-45	45
Saturday	88-93	90
Sunday	83-88	90

Related Changes

- Consolidation of Route 53 Smithfield Avenue and Route 72 would allow for more frequent service to be provided on the most productive parts of Smithfield Avenue. Service to Saylesville Industrial Park, the northern terminus of Route 53, would be discontinued due to low ridership.
- The Charles Street corridor, south of Smithfield Avenue, would continue to have high frequency bus service, with Routes 51, 55 and 72 serving this area.
- Route 75 Dexter Street/Lincoln Mall would operate on the same alignment in Pawtucket, but would be extended to Bryant University via George Washington Highway on its northern end. This would provide new connections between Bryant, the Lincoln Mall and Pawtucket.



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