



ROUTE 78 | BEVERAGE HILL/NEWPORT AVE

Route 78 Beverage Hill/Newport Avenue is a long circumferential route that operates between the Pawtucket Transit Center and Kennedy Plaza via East Providence.

Proposed Changes

Route 78 would continue to operate along a similar alignment as at present, but with changes to streamline and operate service consistently.

- Discontinue front door service to Rumford Towers (passengers could access the regular stop on Pawtucket Avenue less than a four minute walk away), along Pleasant Street to the Massachusetts State Line, and service on New Road - all due to low ridership. This would speed service for the majority of riders and allow for service to be provided at more consistent frequencies over the day.
- Operate weekday service with consistent headways of 60 minutes.

Before and After Statistics

	EXISTING	PROPOSED
Span of Service		
Weekday	5:21 AM – 10:45 PM	5:30 AM – 10:30 PM
Saturday	6:32 AM – 10:43 PM	6:30 AM – 10:30 PM
Sunday	6:50 AM – 6:35 PM	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM
Headways		
Weekday		
AM Peak	52	60
Midday	51-52	60
PM Peak	52	60
Evening	52	60
Saturday	40-60	60
Sunday	95	90

Related Changes

- Route 35 Rumford/Newport Avenue would be extended to the South Attleboro MBTA station, providing connections to the commuter rail. Route 35 would no longer serve the Stop & Shop on Cottage Street, a destination that would now be served by Route 76 Central Avenue
- Wampanoag Plaza would serve as an East Providence “super-stop,” with Route 33 Riverside, 34 East Providence, and 78 serving this location.
- Angell and Waterman Streets on Providence’s East Side would become a Transit Emphasis Corridor, served by Routes 40 Butler, 35 Rumford and 78. Together, these services would provide frequent bus service at about 20 minute intervals.

